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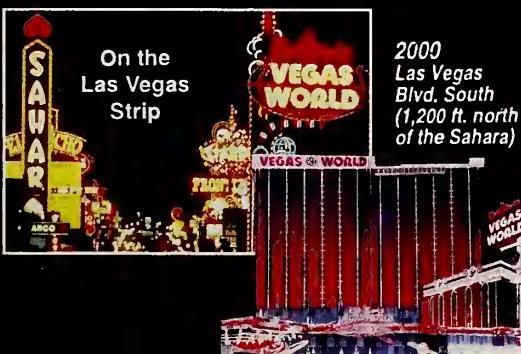
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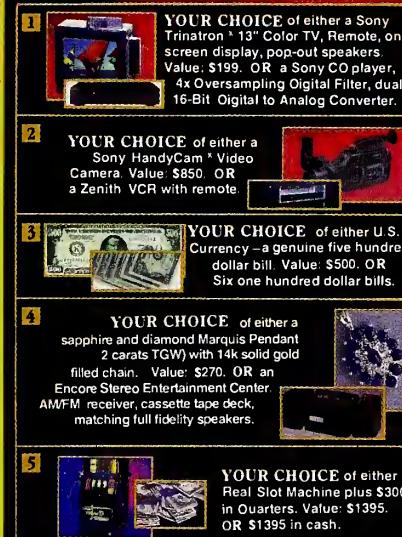
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Angels Applauded

The November cover featuring the Navy's Blue Angels is sensational ("Military Symbols in Peacetime"). A few years ago, I saw them perform in Schenectady, N.Y. Your cover brought back the goose bumps.

Tom Horrigan
Hudson Falls, N.Y.

Spelling Faulted

In the article, "Military Symbols in Peacetime," the correct spelling is Fort Myer, in Arlington, Va., not Fort Meyer.

Jack Neumann
Arlington, Va.

Defending Columbus

I wish you Columbus bashers would look up the word "discover" ("Who Really Discovered America?" October). Its second meaning is "to find for the first time." Its first meaning is "to arrive at through search or study or exploration." That's where Columbus comes in. Of course, there were others here before, but their discovery was a ho-hum, non-event.

We of the Knights of Columbus, and

the Italian and Spanish communities are going to celebrate 500 years of America whether the Norwegians or The American Legion likes it or not.

Your article could have reminded us of why we are here and not wrangled about who was here first. Dawn, Oct. 12, 1492, cannot be forgotten by any of us who live in America.

Kenneth O'Neill
Danbury, Conn.

The article was insensitive, inappropriate and insulting to millions of Americans, especially Italians who honor the Admiral of the Sea, Christopher Columbus.

John J. Mulvehill Jr.
Fairmont, W.Va.

in the journalism school did not have to do any homework or take final exams—so I transferred to the journalism school."

I don't want to be governed by a group of people who graduated without doing homework or taking final exams. The press seems bad about not doing its homework.

Armistead Burwell
Clintonville, Pa.

At one time, the media placed its responsibility for this nation's fate above profits. But today's media conglomerate feels no more responsibility for our nation's fate than if it were a corner hamburger stand.

Leland E. Smith
Nashville, Tenn.

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ters are subject to editing for clarity and brevity. Volume precludes individual acknowledgments of comments on editorial content.

This month's questions are:

- Should Congress kill the superconducting super collider project? (See Page 10.)
- Should the United States enact espionage laws to protect our economic and industrial secrets? (See Page 28.)

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I want to encourage all veterans to take the time to visit an American Legion Service Officer and go over wartime injuries, and file claims for them. I almost waited too long.

Thanks American Legion! You guys are the best.

David L. Recob
Topeka, Kan.

Kilpatrick Klub

As James Kilpatrick wrote in his article "Look it up! Look it up! Look it up!" ("Murder, Mayhem and the Mother Tongue," October). Perhaps THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine should have taken his advice.

On page 26 of the same issue, a sentence reads, "...and in our new mid-sized cars, we have *duel* driver and passenger air bags as standard equipment."

Duel? What are these airbags going to do? Fight to the death with swords until one deflates the other? The word to use is *dual*.

T.A. Geisert
Overland Park, Kan.

Editor's note: Tsk, tsk, on us.

The article by Kilpatrick was very humerus, however, he mist a point as too won of the reasons four the misuse of words in our communications, and that is, the computerized spelling checkers in our word processors. To many people have been taken in buy the myth of the infallibility of the computers and rely on the computer to catch their miss steaks. Those who right get sloppy in therec proof reading. Computers are the dumbest thing in the world. They never due what you want them to dew. They do only what cwe tell them to due. Isle clothes now know-

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Thomas Bilak Jr.
Cayuga, N.Y.

Kilpatrick might more instructively write about errors that stem from deceit rather than from ignorance. Not until the end of his article does he mention one of those errors—*soldierization*. This word was obviously designed to make Army recruits' parents believe that training a soldier is tremendously complex, so complex, in fact, that only military experts can accomplish it. Civilians, of course, are expected to pay for it. *Soldierization* has the added benefit of being an abstraction. Thus, it absolves people of blame if anything goes wrong in the training of soldiers.

Richard F. Gregory
Oakmont, Pa.

In "Screen Victories" (October), the caption alongside the photo of the stars of *Mr. Roberts* read, "...in a classic Navy comedy of life far behind the enemy lines." Where were they? In Tokyo? As I recall, the movie was all about Mr. Roberts getting off a rust bucket and into the war. The caption made me appreciate Kilpatrick's article all the more.

John E. Molloy
Virginia Beach, Va.

I hope the quality of the magazine will be improved by taking James Kilpatrick's advice to heart. For instance, this sentence from "Screen Victories": "This moving, truthful account... capped seven Oscars...." *Capped*? Maybe *copped*.

Stan Haye
Independence, Calif.

VETS Thanked

I have been moved by the generosity and support The American Legion has given me as I try to locate former "airdales" of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps squadrons that flew the PB4Y1 Liberator and PB4Y2 Privateer during World War II, Korea and beyond.

I have taken on the mission of bringing these men and their families to-

gether for PB4Y reunions. With the aid of the VETS program, these reunions were unqualified successes. I routinely get several letters or calls each week from veterans who haven't seen anyone from their squadrons in 45 to 50 years. More often than not, they tell me they heard about the reunions through The American Legion VETS program.

Thank you for VETS.

Ronald R. Sathre
Union City, Calif.

WWII Movies Revisited

I appreciated the article, "Screen Victories" (October), but I believe you omitted one of the finest combat movies Hollywood produced on World War II—*Attack*.

Pastor Charles Knappenberger
Melrose Park, Pa.

"Screen Victories" missed the mark by forgetting *Tora! Tora! Tora!* and *Gal-
lant Hours*.

Jim Rehnen
Larkspur, Calif.

Disendowment

Those who want the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) should fund it themselves (Big Issues, November). There are enough individuals and corporations who can afford it. But for those of us who don't care, our tax money can be better spent.

As Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida wrote, the money for NEA could go to better things. As far as I'm concerned, NEA has outlived its usefulness.

V Craig Richardson
Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Corrections

A photo of a drill team was incorrectly identified on Page 38 of the November issue. The correct name is the drill team of Charles-Williams Post 30 of Omaha, Neb. A December issue Legion News article about a Legion-produced videotape, *George Learns the Pledge of Allegiance*, incorrectly reported that the main character is Curious George, from the children's book series. In the video, George is a schoolboy. THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine regrets the errors.

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AMYSTERIOUS illness has cast a dark cloud over our quick and decisive victory in Desert Storm. Health problems among the half-million U.S. troops who served in the Persian Gulf are surfacing and questions still outnumber answers.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Desert Storm veterans are subject to "possible adverse health effects of exposure to oil, smoke and other petrochemical agents."

Gulf War veterans are complaining of gastrointestinal problems, flu-like conditions, joint pains, hair loss, thickened saliva, loose teeth, sore gums and muscle soreness.

What is happening?

Nobody really knows what's making Gulf War veterans sick. But if something isn't done soon, a mysterious illness will be to Desert Storm veterans what Agent Orange continues to be for Vietnam veterans.

That's why The American Legion urged Congress to establish a Persian Gulf Registry that contains the medical history of our troops so they can file for VA service-connected disability when and if illness surfaces.

Congress obviously heard our call and passed The Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, requiring VA to establish a registry for tracking the long-term health effects of Persian Gulf veterans. The act calls for VA to provide complete physical and mental examinations for registered veterans. Active duty veterans of the Gulf War must seek medical attention through DoD medical facilities.

DoD also has been tasked with developing a registry. The National Defense Authorization Act of FY 1992 and FY 1993 directs the Secretary of Defense to establish a registry of all military personnel exposed to oil-well fires. That means DoD's registry contains the names of all U.S. military



Nat'l Cmdr. Roger A. Munson

troops in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm/Shield.

But past events tell us that a registry alone is not enough to ensure that our troops get the medical treatment they deserve. To avoid repeating the Agent Orange disaster, the law also requires DoD to expand the scope of its registry beyond just the list of names, and to provide VA with the information when needed.

BOTH departments are also directed to work with the National Academy of Science to establish a plan for treating veterans suffering from possible health problems associated with service in the Persian Gulf.

While we laud the government for its obvious concern, The American Legion believes the following additional steps should be taken:

Step 1. A recent government study revealed that many veterans of the Persian Gulf War were discharged with inadequate separation physicals, or in some cases, none at all. One of the lessons learned from the Legion's involvement with the Agent Orange issue

is that documentation is essential for receiving a disability rating. Every effort should be made to encourage Desert Storm veterans who continue to have medical problems to get their symptoms identified and documented in either their VA medical records or their DoD records.

Step 2. The VA Persian Gulf Registry was established but Congress has yet to provide any supplemental appropriation to pay for it. This isn't the first time VA has been tasked with providing special health-care needs to veterans without the money to pay for them. If this newest generation of wartime veterans is to receive proper care, additional dollars must be appropriated for research, examinations and treatment.

Step 3. VA and DoD must leave no stone unturned in finding out the cause or causes of the illness that has struck Desert Storm veterans. Currently, the blood parasite disease, Leishmaniasis, cannot be easily or economically detected. Leishmaniasis is a Persian Gulf disease transmitted by sand flies. We also need some answers about the health effects of exposure to oil-well fires, crude oil, sand, pesticides, depleted uranium, and to the inoculations Desert Storm troops were given. Ill veterans have also expressed their concerns about possible chemical or biological warfare that may have gone undetected. (For a detailed account of the mysterious Desert Storm illness, turn to Page 18.)

Step 4. DoD should consider bringing seriously ill Desert Storm veterans back on active duty to give them complete medical evaluations and appropriate discharges. While on active duty, these troops can at least draw a salary and have some benefits available to them.

The absence of evidence does not mean the evidence is absent. The brave men and women of Desert Storm readily answered the nation's call to arms. Now the nation must answer these veterans' question, "Why am I sick?" □



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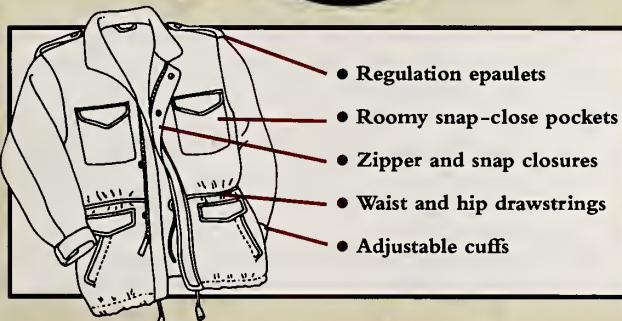
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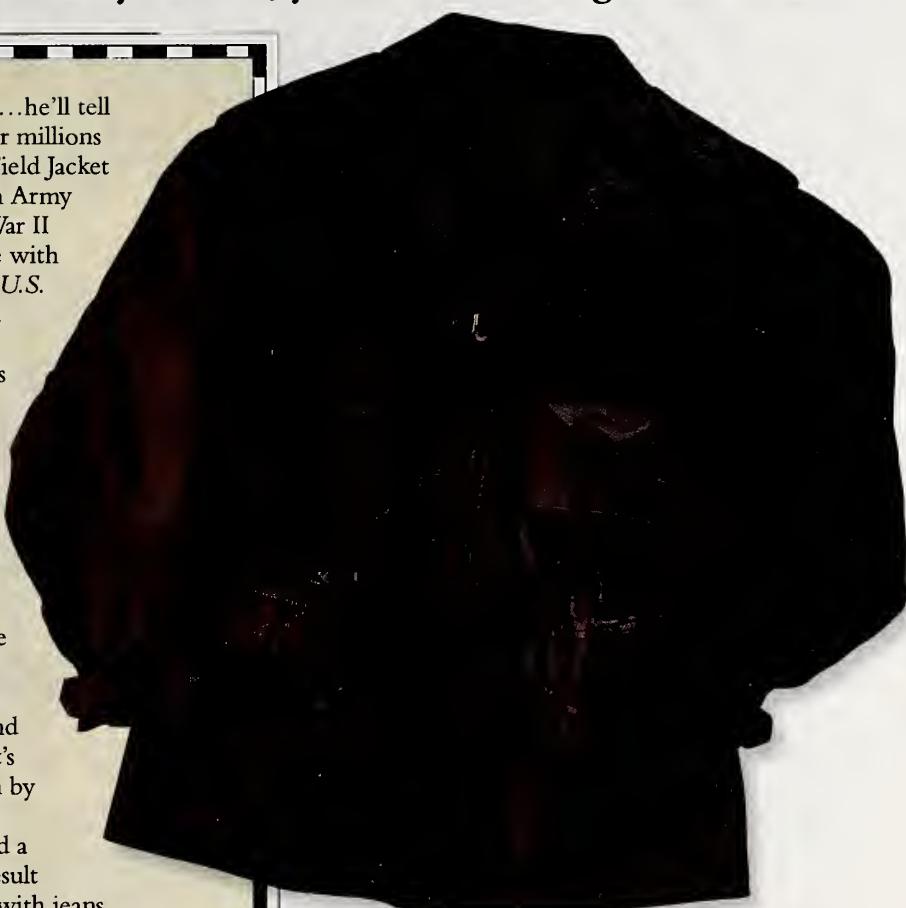
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SHOULD CONGRESS KILL THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER PROJECT?

Rep. Sherwood L. Boehlert, (R-New York)

Congress ought to kill the superconducting Super Collider (SSC), the high-energy physics megaproject being built in Texas at a cost of at least \$8.2 billion.

The problem with the SSC is not that it's bad science or an evil project; the problem is that it's not priority science. Indeed, the SSC is example of what we can do without if we are serious about cutting the deficit.

Proponents of the SSC try to obscure this point by acting as if the SSC would be a boon for all of American science. Nothing could be further from the truth. Science is not some indivisible whole, but consists of competing disciplines of varying significance and urgency. And high-energy physicists—the scientists who will use the SSC—represent at most 14 percent of all physicists and only a fraction of all American scientists.

And how are the bulk of American scientists faring as the Department of Energy prepares to pour billions into a single project for an esoteric sub-branch of physics? Not so well.

The leading federal science-funding agencies now have to reject about two-thirds of the research proposals submitted to them. In an era of tight budgets, the SSC can only make that situation worse. The SSC will siphon money away from the smaller science projects that represent the true strength of our research and education establishment.

SSC proponents also claim the project will help American industry. But American industry doesn't seem to think so. The nation's corporate vice presidents for research have rated the SSC as their lowest priority among science megaprojects.

While we've been devoting money to the SSC, the Japanese have developed innovative applications for superconductors, such as a new high-speed ship. Japan conducts little high-energy physics research and has been refusing to contribute to our SSC. Yet it continues to make significant advances in the very technologies that SSC proponents argue can be developed only as inadvertent SSC spin-offs.

In an era of high deficits, the SSC is likely to retard, not speed our entry into a new world of scientific and technical progress by stealing funds from more productive projects.

SSC supporters like to label their opponents as "flat-earthers." But to oppose the SSC project you don't have to believe in a flat earth, only in a flat budget.

YES



Rep. Joe Barton, (R-Texas)

NO



Since the Manhattan Project of World War II, the United States has been the world leader in high-energy physics. High-energy research gave us radar, semiconductors, magnetic resonance imaging and even television itself. Fully one-third of America's gross national product is traceable to high-energy research of the past 50 years.

The latest high-energy project is the biggest and most important American scientific endeavor ever. It is the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC).

The SSC is a circular tunnel 54 miles in circumference. In it, scientists will accelerate tiny particles to nearly the speed of light and crash them together, breaking them to pieces. The scientists will study the pieces to unlock some of the longest-held secrets of nature.

The SSC is under budget and ahead of schedule. One billion dollars of its funding was provided by a statewide vote of the people of Texas. More than \$2 billion will come from foreign nations willing to participate in the project.

Though the project isn't scheduled for completion until 1999, new discoveries have already been made in computer science and superconductors. Despite its success, the project has been attacked by those who don't see the need to maintain our scientific leadership.

Most SSC opponents are big spenders who do not like competition for funds. They want bigger and better welfare programs for today, but forget about the future. American science spending is very small compared with social spending, but no program is safe from social programs which are growing out of control.

Opponents hide behind the claim that the SSC takes too much of the science budget, but every time the SSC has been cut, the funds have been redirected instead to local porkbarrel projects.

American science spending is our investment for the future. Without it, we would never be able to compete in the 21st century. Other nations will take the world leadership if we fall behind. In a recent Senate vote, five past opponents of the SSC supported it. They came to recognize that while eliminating the SSC will do nothing to cut the deficit, our nation itself will be poorer.

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Clinton's Hot Issues

Congress will try to force President-elect Bill Clinton to take early action on the controversial issue of women in combat. The Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces voted for women on combat ships—except for submarines and amphibious ships—but against them in planes or ground combat.

Feminists want Clinton to ignore the commission report, delivered to Congress with President Bush's recommendations in mid-December, and open up all military jobs to women. They are counting on a sympathetic Congress with a record 54 women to force the new President's hand. Clinton took no position on the issue during the campaign and may try to defer action on it.

Meanwhile, retired Adm. William Crowe is pressing Clinton to drop his campaign promise to sign an executive order terminating the exclusion of homosexuals from the Armed Forces. Political observers say there is a better than even chance that Clinton will sign the order soon after he takes office. Crowe, who supported Clinton for President, argues that the ban is necessary for military order and cohesion.

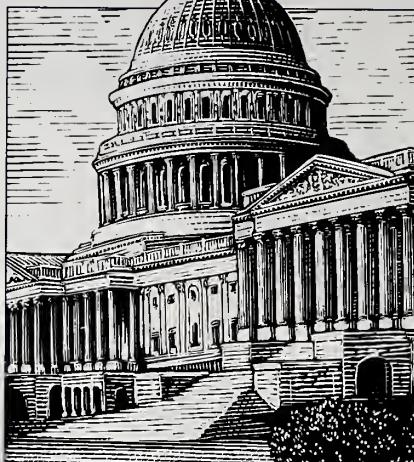
Republicans Regroup

Watch for Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole to use the January congressional vote on increasing the federal debt limit as an occasion to publicly warn President-elect Bill Clinton that his spending plans could hike the deficit and slow down the economic recovery. By recapturing the deficit issue, Dole hopes to entice Ross Perot voters into the GOP.

While publicly professing cooperation with the new President, conservative House Republicans are expected to try to embarrass Clinton by pushing through a term-limitation constitutional amendment within the first 100 days of the new Congress. They claim the passage of term limits in 14 states with an average vote of 67 percent—compared to Clinton's 43 percent—represents the only clear mandate of the election. Clinton opposes term limits for Congress.

Who has the inside track for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination? Watch for whoever is selected Re-

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WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

publican National Committee chairman. If former Minnesota Congressman Vin Weber wins, it's a boost for Jack Kemp, Bush's secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If former Bush-Quayle campaign official Charles Black wins, it's a point for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm. Possible compromises: former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont or a Reaganite, such as former Nevada Sen. Paul Laxalt.

Meanwhile, 1992 presidential contender Pat Buchanan is laying the groundwork for another run by forming a foundation, working on a book absolving himself of any role in the Bush defeat, and returning to journalism.

Rodney King Trial II

Expect demonstrations from national police groups angry about the scheduled retrial of the police involved in the Rodney King beating case. Sgt. Stacey C. Koon, the officer in charge, and author of *Presumed Guilty*, a book about the case, has traveled widely, convincing these groups that the original jury found him and fellow officers not guilty of using excessive force because they did, in fact, follow perfectly legal routine police procedures.

Koon says the American people were conditioned to believe otherwise because they never saw King throwing off police officers trying to handcuff

him, and because the tape was edited by the media to delete a scene showing him lunging at police after being shot with two 50,000 volt stun-gun charges. Koon believes repeated airing of the edited tape ignited the Los Angeles riots.

No Aid for AID

A top-to-bottom housecleaning is expected at the Agency for International Development (AID), the \$7 billion agency accused by the Clinton-Gore campaign of exporting American jobs to other countries. Congress, which mandated a "Buy American" policy at AID, is also looking at charges that AID used U.S. dollars to buy foreign-made equipment and goods for shipment to foreign countries.

A Nuclear Future?

Having achieved many of its national legislative objectives, the nuclear industry is preparing a full-court press on state regulators to approve the building of new nuclear power plants. The pro-nuclear provisions of the National Energy Policy Act include licensing reform that would allow plants to be built in five or six years, and government-industry collaboration on a new, advanced-design power plant. Industry operatives believe public and political support for nuclear power is increasing.

Sendoro, U.S.-Style

Observers of extremist groups are alarmed by growing support for Peru's Shining Path (Sendoro Luminoso) guerrilla movement in the United States. The Shining Path, considered South America's most dangerous communist movement, has been blamed for 20,000 deaths in the past 11 years.

Pro-Shining Path propaganda materials are being sold here through a network of bookstores in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The network is operated by the Revolutionary Communist Party. A Berkeley, California-based group called the Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru took out an ad in *The Nation* magazine condemning any U.S. intervention in Peru. It was signed by U.S. academics, religious figures and leading radical attorneys.

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THE ENEMY WITHIN

By Sen. Robert Dole

BEING told "You have cancer" can be a very frightening experience. The so-called "C" word is one of the most dreaded words in the English language. But when it comes to cancer of the prostate, that fear can be tempered by the knowledge that your problem can be detected early, greatly increasing your chances for successful treatment.

That's what happened to me about a year ago when I was told I had prostate cancer. That was the bad news. The good news was that my doctor had detected it very early through a series of blood tests known as PSA, or prostate specific antigen, followed by a biopsy. After reviewing my treatment options, which ranged from radiation to surgery, I selected surgery.

The operation in December 1991 was successful—my prostate gland was removed. Tests showed that the cancer had not spread, and while many patients do suffer side effects including incontinence, I have enjoyed a virtually trouble-free recovery. Within two weeks, I was back at work, and four months later, I was back to my regular schedule that often entails 15-hour work days.

But my purpose for writing this article is not to talk about Bob Dole—I am writing to pass along information that could well save your life, or the life of a loved one.

Since the day my cancer was diagnosed, I have learned far more about prostate problems than I ever imagined I would—or ever wanted to. I was like most men, barely aware I even had a prostate, much less aware it could develop into a life-threatening problem.

Because of his recent personal experience, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas has become an active spokesman for the prevention of cancer.

One man's experience proves that the most common cancer among men can be detected early and treated successfully.

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SEN. ROBERT DOLE

"Sharing my experience with others is a small price to pay to save lives."

Perhaps the most stunning fact I learned is that prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among men. It used to be said that you may die with prostate cancer, but not of it.

Yet, consider these facts: About 34,000 men die every year of the disease, making it the second leading cancer killer of men, exceeded only by lung cancer. That's a figure bigger than the number of people who die every year of AIDS, and is comparable to the number of women who die each year of breast cancer.

Statistically, prostate cancer will afflict one out of every 11 American

males, and one out of every three men over the age of 50.

While I am not trying to pit one disease against another, I was surprised to learn that the federal government devotes just \$28 million per year to prostate cancer research, compared to the billions of dollars earmarked for research into other diseases. That's why Sens. Ted Stevens, Jesse Helms, Alan Cranston and I joined together to boost the annual federal commitment to \$120 million to research this insidious killer.

But without a doubt, the most important fact I learned is the value of early detection. With recent advances in diagnostic and treatment techniques and technology, early detection—and successful treatment—are becoming more and more common. Prostate problems can be detected with the standard digital rectal exam, with ultrasound testing, with the PSA blood test, or with a combination of these tests.

No test is 100 percent reliable, but one thing is for certain—your chances of successful treatment are greatly increased when the problem is detected early. But don't take my word for it, take it from your doctor.

First Lady Betty Ford was a courageous pioneer in raising America's awareness of breast cancer. Now it's time to get the word out on prostate cancer. As uncomfortable as it may be, sharing my experience with others is a small price to pay, knowing that it may save lives.

Throughout my recovery, I spoke personally about prostate cancer with hundreds of men from all walks of life—world leaders, corporate executives, but mostly middle-aged men from middle America. Their biggest fear is that of the unknown.

That's why my message to my friends in The American Legion is simple—please get routine check-ups, and don't neglect to have your doctor check for prostate disease.

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DESERT STORM'S MYSTERY ILLNESSES

By Ken Scharnberg

LESS THAN two years ago, Marine Capt. David Fournier, 41, was a jogger, an avid scuba diver and a soccer coach near his Camp Lejeune duty station in North Carolina.

Today, the Desert Storm veteran is so weak and in so much pain that he can't open the lid on a mayonnaise jar, or unlock the doors to his ear.

Fournier is one of hundreds of Desert Storm veterans suffering from an unidentified illness. He is also one of a growing number of GIs who believe the government isn't doing enough to determine why mysterious illnesses are turning professional soldiers into disabled civilians.

Are these sick GIs infested with desert parasites? Were they exposed to nuclear radiation from our own weapons or to chemical weapons released during bombings or shellings? Did pollutants from the oil-well fires poison our troops, or were they, as some claim, guinea pigs for untested drugs?

There are many questions and few answers, however, this much is known:

- Hundreds of Desert Storm veterans are suffering from undiagnosed ailments. The symptoms include chronic fatigue, pain in the joints, bleeding gums and loosened teeth, hair loss, short-term memory loss and skin rashes.

- Congress directed the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to establish



KUWAIT BURNS—Hundreds of oil-well fires dumped millions of tons of soot, sulfur and carbon dioxide into the air GIs breathed.

Doctors don't know what's making veterans sick, and GIs are afraid to come forward.



separate registries documenting health problems of Desert Storm veterans. Without documentation of their health problems, Desert Storm veterans may not be eligible to get VA treatment or disability in the future.

- Active duty personnel are not per-

mitted to be listed on VA's Persian Gulf Registry. Their only recourse is to go to a DoD medical facility for treatment. Although it is important that their military medical records reflect their complaints and symptoms, some active duty troops are not reporting their health problems. Troops are telling American Legion Service Officers they are being intimidated. "You report your sickness, you lose your job," they say.

"I hope the government isn't reacting to the Desert Storm illness the way it reacted to Agent Orange," says Chet Stellar, Chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Stellar says only a small number of Vietnam veterans initially complained of health problems after returning home. The government said their illnesses had nothing to do with Agent Orange or their service in Vietnam.

While all returning Desert Storm troops are supposed to receive exit physicals before their release from active duty, this is not happening.

In the case of many National Guardsmen and Reservists, physicals were given months after their return, if at all. The Army Surgeon General's Office admits that these check-ups have not always been thorough.

As one Buffalo, N.Y., Reservist put it, "They counted our arms and legs and checked to see if we had a pulse."

"It's the same old story," says retired Army Lt. Col. C. "Pappy" Patchin, director of Onondaga County Veterans Service in Syracuse, N.Y. "The military waits until the last minute. Then they ask the GI, 'So, do you want to leave today or stick around a few days while we perform a physical?'"

Patchin says it's rare for anyone to *Please turn page*

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wait around once they are processed out. "Later, the VA will deny benefits because there is nothing in his records."

That's one thing that worried Capt. Fournier.

Fournier, a 23-year Marine Corps veteran, was going to retire after he returned from the Gulf. During his out-processing, he became very sick with pneumonia. He nearly died. Shortly after, he began to experience pain in his joints and severe fatigue. The doctors told him he had reactive arthritis.

Fournier doesn't believe arthritis is the problem, and is delaying his retirement until Navy physicians determine what is wrong with him. He is afraid that once he leaves active duty, there will be no help for him. Fournier wants his health problem corrected before he enters civilian life.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Paul Welcome, 41, also suffers from the unidentified illness. "It's almost like what the guys affected by Agent Orange went through," he says. "They were getting sick, but didn't know why. If we just knew what was causing it, it would help reduce anxiety."

It's noteworthy that both Welcome and Fournier are active duty personnel. Ron Stork of CBS News reported that some DoD sources told him they think the Gulf War illness is just a National Guard ploy to gain more benefits. "Utterly preposterous," says retired Maj. Gen. Robert F. Ensslin Jr., president of the National Guard Association.

Why then are there so few active-duty complaints? Virginia Stephanakis of the Army Surgeon General's Office confirms that active duty personnel are being told by their immediate superiors not to report their health problems if they want to keep their careers.

One Fort Campbell, Ky., career soldier was willing to talk about it, as long as he wasn't identified by name. "We're being told, 'Go ahead and gripe about being sick. Just remember, there's a downsizing going on.' No one who wants to keep his job in my unit goes on sick call."

Sam McClaren, Western Kentucky Department of Military Affairs Regional Coordinator, tells of wives calling his office, asking to remain anonymous. "They are looking for help for their Desert Storm husbands who are sick, but refuse to go on sick call." As of early October, McClaren had received 23 such calls.

Says the Army's Stephanakis, "We are acutely aware of this situation and have memoed base commanders in an effort to prevent it." But she admits the Surgeon General's Office has no power to stop it. "The downsizing is real. If you aren't 100 percent healthy, you may not have a future in the military."

In April 1992, doctors from the Centers for Disease Control and Walter Reed Army Hospital examined 79 Indiana National Guard members. They concluded that the veterans were suffer-

"I used to be able to do all sorts of things," says Encinas, a 47-year-old welder. "Now my body is a disaster area, and VA says whatever my problems are, they aren't service connected."

Many Gulf veterans believe the illness is linked to petrochemicals. Their suspicions have resulted in a firestorm of claims and counterclaims.

"There is no evidence to indicate any of the problems could potentially be linked to petrochemicals," says Stephanakis of the Army's Surgeon General's Office. She told THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine that the intense heat of the oil-well fires burned off most of the harmful chemicals and gases.

Yet, hair samples were sent by some sick GIs to two private laboratories, the Doctor's Data Labs in Illinois and Accu-Chem in Texas. The tests showed above-normal deposits of heavy metals such as lead, and of benzene, one of the harmful chemicals that Stephanakis said had been burned away.

Army Reserve Maj. Richard Haines, an advocate for Gulf War veterans, has built his own registry of more than 100 names of veterans suffering from the sickness. He and the veterans on his registry don't agree with the government's assessment of risk. He says the oil wells are a likely source of contamination.

Reports from the Gulf Environmental Emergency Response Team estimated the oil fires released 100,000 tons of soot, 50,000 tons of sulfur and 850,000 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every day. The Environmental Protection Agency maintains that the level of pollutants was not high enough to cause concern.

Haines counters that all fuels in Saudi Arabia were heavily leaded, including the kerosene used for heating. Lead poisoning can cause brain damage, short-term memory loss and even death. Exposure to the smoke and fumes of the fires may engender harsh long-term effects, including cancers and birth defects.

Petrochemical poisoning is just one of a number of possible causes of the Desert Storm illness. Experts say other potential causes include:

- **Reaction to untested drugs.** Three drugs were given to some of the troops during the desert campaign. There have been reports that some were not ap-

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ing from severe stress, but not—the doctors hastened to add—post-traumatic stress disorder, which is a service-connected disability.

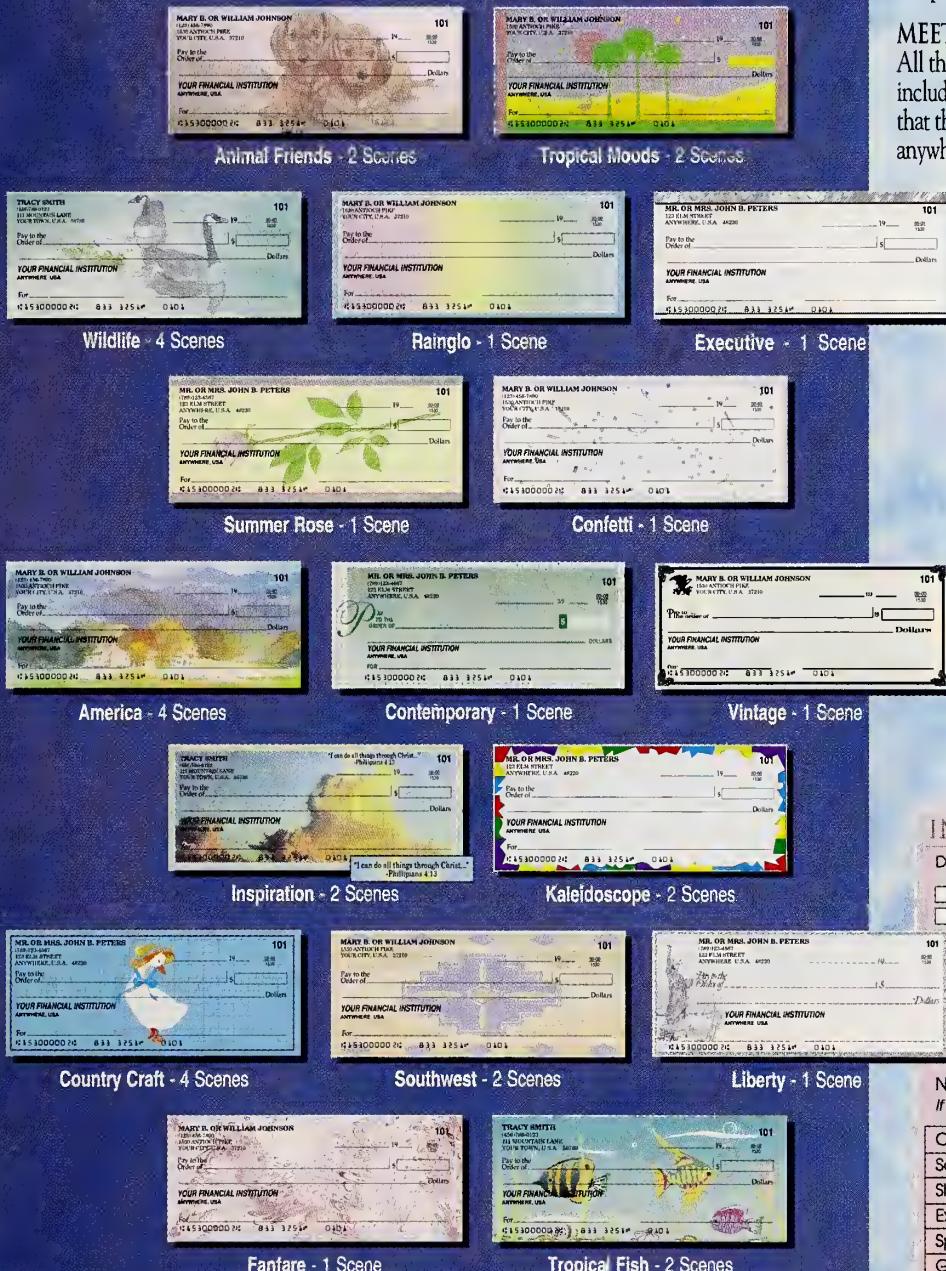
"If I was going to experience stress, Vietnam was when it would have happened," says Fournier, who saw combat as a "grunt" in Vietnam.

"If anything is causing stress, it's the government's attitude toward our problems," says Joe Encinas, a National Guardsman from Arizona. Encinas used to take great pride in his running ability. "I used to be able to outrun teenagers. I ran seven miles a day and loved every inch of it."

Encinas no longer runs. He's been plagued with swollen ankles and knees, and suffers from a rash on his waist and boils the size of nickels. He says no matter how much sleep he gets, he's always tired. He's recently tested positive for tuberculosis.

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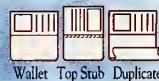
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WELCOMING WARRIORS INTO THE WORK FORCE

By Jack David

THE U.S. military drawdown will push as many as 3 million American veterans into the civilian work force over the next four years.

With this in mind, South Carolina has created the nation's first Pentagon-supported Military Assistance Council (MAC) to help put these veterans to work in our communities. Other states can do it, too.

MAC is a council that uses existing federal and state agencies in South Carolina to track the flow of discharging military personnel into our state. We know about their discharges 180 days before they happen.

In South Carolina, where there are seven military bases, MAC is taking the federal government's Transition Assistance Program (TAP)—which sponsors three-day workshops on the civilian job market—one step further. While TAP emphasizes only job training, MAC deals with both job training and more important, job placement.

What makes MAC so valuable is that it draws its resources from existing agencies. This allows South Carolina to resettle veterans very inexpensively.

As soon as the military informs us that a discharging veteran is en route to South Carolina, we immediately send the service person a questionnaire, asking him or her about job, education and family needs. When that information

South Carolina has found a unique way to help veterans get jobs. Other states can do it, too.



PARTNERS—South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell, at lectern, joins Army Secretary Michael P. Stone, second from right, in announcing the first Military Assistance Council. With them are Nat'l. Vice Cmdr. David, right, and Patton Adams, left, chairman of the state defense base development commission.

comes back to MAC, we enter it into a computer data bank, where it is used to match up veterans with good jobs and appropriate educational training.

My state is not only helping veterans find work, it is actually tapping their skills to fulfill needs in our own communities. For example, South Carolina is short of teachers and the incoming veterans can fill that void. Today, the state is seeking to make it easier for military personnel affected by the drawdown to become educators.

South Carolina is hard at work on a pilot program that will offer NCOs with 90 hours training both a degree

National Vice Commander Robert E. "Jack" David is chairman of South Carolina's Military Assistance Council and executive director of the state's Employment Security Commission.

and a teaching certificate for South Carolina.

Health-care workers are also in short supply. Here too, incoming veterans can fill many of these vacancies. As Gov. Carroll Campbell told me, "Many military professionals who are already trained as health-care technicians, can help us fill the shortfall we are experiencing."

MAC also hopes to find billets in the South Carolina National Guard for many veterans who can no longer serve on active duty. This new crop of Guardsmen will significantly improve our state's military readiness.

For those who are interested in opening small businesses, MAC is working with the Small Business Administration to provide assistance to veterans in the fields of hospitality, recreation and natural resources.

And MAC is not just concerned with veterans, but their families as well. If family members are handicapped, the state's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation can help them adjust to civilian life and refer them to neighborhood services.

MAC was established in December 1991, when Gov. Campbell and Secretary of the Army Michael P. Stone signed a memorandum of understanding. This agreement made it possible for the Army and South Carolina to work together on transition assistance.

A subsequent agreement was signed with the Air Force, and a deal with the Navy is in the works. Through these agreements and MAC, South Carolina has become a national model for military transition assistance.

Today, MAC is providing the Legion with a unique opportunity to reach out to Vietnam and Desert Storm era veter-

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GOOD AND PLENTY—Amy Dacyczyn, here with daughter Rebecca, turned her “tight living” lifestyle into the *Tightwad Gazette* newsletter, circulation, 80,000. It offers such tips as how to fix zippers and mail packages cheaply.

PENNY-PINCHER'S GUIDE TO THE '90S

Yesterday's tightwads are today's trendsetters. Consumers are saving money on everything from mortgages to motor oil.

By Phyllis Zauner

YES, money's tight. Raises are on hold, and the specter of the pink slip looms. Credit balances are at limit, and most families can't get by without two incomes.

Say hello to the '90s!

In those bygone, booming '80s, while rushing to satisfy our appetite for the Good Life, we

racked up debts as though prosperity could have no end. Now we're left wondering how to hack down that pile of accumulated bills.

This is middle-class squeeze. The average American's debt load, experts say, has reached a scary 83 percent of disposable income. A bleak picture, indeed.

But what statistics don't capture is the irrepressible spirit of Americans in a pinch.

How are we coping? Not too badly.

Okay, our priorities are out of kilter.

So we're rethinking those old ingrained spending habits and finding new ways to cut the cost of living. We're pursuing bargains the way Sherlock Holmes once tracked clues, embracing frugality as a way of life. The word "stingy" now is considered by some to be a compliment.

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Phyllis Zauner, a freelance writer from Sonoma, Calif., is a frequent contributor to this magazine. Her last article, "Eye-identification," appeared in the March 1991 issue.

The Secret of Building a POWERFUL MEMORY

It's a real tragedy. So many people seem to grow older instead of staying young.

My brother Jim and his petite wife Nancy worked hard and saved up for years for early retirement. Their dream was to see the U.S.A. from the big windows of their own RV vehicle. This modest and generous couple even joined a vacation club and made short trips with friends for some months before retirement.

Finally the big day arrived. Jim and Nancy packed the RV with six months of provisions and dropped by to say good-bye to my wife and I, and our kids, before embarking on the well-earned adventure they had been planning for, it now seemed, as long as I could remember.

As soon as they sat down at the kitchen table, I noticed at once Jim seemed tired and drowsy. Even during the excitement, I saw he really seemed exhausted. "Did you get enough sleep last night?", I asked. "What's that?", he replied confusedly. "I'm afraid Jim hasn't been hearing too well," Nancy confided. "The doctor says it's poor circulation. And it's causing other problems for him. His memory loss is most noticeable. And he gets a ringing in his ears; I see his eyesight failing. Together with a heart problem he suffered two years ago, I'm concerned with his allergies which act up all the time now. We've dreamed and worked so hard for this trip...it's a shame Jim is so 'out of it'."

"Where did I put my road map, Nancy?", Jim asked. "Honey, don't you remember...you put it under the driver's seat where you'd be sure to find it." She gave me a tearful look of worry.

I confess I was worried about them as they took off. And I didn't stop worrying as I read the postcards they sent from various stops along the way. About a week into the trip Nancy wrote to say they were thinking about giving it up and returning home because of Jim's declining health. Then, mysteriously, the postcards stopped coming.

Six weeks later I received a postcard from the West Coast. "Our apologies," it began, "we've been having too much fun to write. Hope the kids are fine. We're going to add on another leg. See you in six weeks."

I was stunned. What could have

changed so drastically? My answer came when Nancy and Jim pulled into the driveway six weeks to the day after I'd received that hurried card. Jim leapt from the driver's seat and shook my hand with such a strong grip that I almost went to my knees. His boyhood grin was back. Jim's eyes sparkled and he looked lean and strong; well-rested and healthy.

"What's going on with you two?", I asked Nancy behind his back. "You are just about to hear all about it," she replied.

As we poured coffee and gathered around the kitchen table again, the story came out. Nancy and Jim had stopped at KOAs and state park campgrounds along the way, meeting other travelers and vacationers. They got to know one very interesting couple during one of their stops...an author specializing in medical subjects and his beautiful Oriental wife. While somewhat older than Nancy and Jim, the four became immediate friends. During their first evening together, Jim and Nancy learned about the author's latest work *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use*. During that evening they also discovered the "key" to restoring Jim's healthy life back to him.

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"That friendship was the beginning of a living miracle for my Jim," Nancy told us. "Our new friends had several copies of the book, so we bought one." They had also found a place where they could buy Gingko Biloba extract. You see, finding bona fide Gingko Biloba in stores can be difficult. Although sales in Europe now total up to \$500 million a year, making it perhaps the leading

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"There is only one problem with this Gingko stuff," Jim grinned with a twinkle in his eye. "It makes me feel so young that I end up chasing Nancy around the bedroom. And the one in our camper is too small. So, we're trading for a bigger RV and hitting the road again next weekend".

Well, needless to say, I was overwhelmed by the changes in my brother Jim. And I want to share this electrifying news with as many people as I can. I contacted the author of the powerful little book *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use* and put him together with my friends at American Surveys. The rest is history. Today you can send for a copy for yourself at low cost.

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ment. Jack Benny would have loved it. He was ahead of his time.

Even Hollywood stars, who certainly aren't suffering from shrunken wallets, are caught up in the thriftness vogue. One designer has started a new line of "recession clothing for the '90s." Kim Basinger drives an old pickup truck. Ostentatious limos are out; beat-up jalopies are in.

For many, of course, thrift has been "in" for a long time, and it has nothing to do with the Hollywood reverse chic.

Now legions of the newly frugal, unaccustomed to penny-pinching, are learning—voluntarily or not—that it's possible to tighten your belt without ditching your lifestyle.

Chief among them is the *Tightwad Gazette* (RR1 Box 3570, Leeds, ME 04263), which Amy and Jim Dacyczyn started a couple of years ago when Jim retired from the Navy and moved their family of six children to a farmhouse in Maine.

"Since neither of us had an outside job and couldn't live on his retirement pay, we started looking for a cottage industry to support us," says Amy. "I was good at tightwad living, so we decided to give that a go. The newsletter really took off, and now we have 80,000 subscribers."

The *Gazette* runs such tips as cheap ways to mail packages, fix zippers, prepay your mortgage, and convert your spouse from spendthrift to tightwad. It doesn't countenance unethical frugality—no pilfering from the office, nor sugar packets taken from restaurants.

Readers send in tips, some so outrageous they won't print them, such as the suggestion to use dryer lint to stuff pillows. More down-to-earth ideas include how to bake your own dog biscuits, have an old-fashioned (cheap) Christmas or a suggestion to buy spices at a health-food store because they're much cheaper in bulk.

Single readers have asked the Dacyczyns to start a matchmaking service so they can contact those of like persuasion. Amy thinks it's a good idea and is considering it. "I'd call it

Tightwad Dating Service," she says.

Another newsletter, *Living Cheap* (Box 700058, San Jose, CA 95170), offers what publisher Larry Roth calls "practical parsimony—like how to get a free TRW credit report, not how to wash out plastic bags for reuse."

Rotten Times, (105 Randolph's Green, Williamsburg, VA 23185) a more recent newsletter, is filled with brief how-to-do stories about individuals who have beaten the recession by creating a new product or service, inventing jobs or starting a home business.

NOW Ralph Nader has joined the movement with a new book, *The Frugal Shopper*. He claims if Americans would buy more wisely, they'd save so much it would be like giving themselves a raise. Some samples of "don't buys": service contracts; credit card insurance; loans with pre-payment penalty; and gas-saving devices that don't work.

There's no question shoppers are more cautious these days about loosening their grip on the wallet. Many have found new ways to wring more value out of the money they spend.

Some have discovered the outlet mall, where manufacturers like Black & Decker, American Tourister and Osh-Kosh B'Gosh get rid of overruns and sec-

onds at deeply discounted prices.

Other tight-fisted shoppers are patronizing another kind of bargain-shopping heaven—cavernous, hangar-like warehouses such as Costco and Price Club that sell everything in bulk, from jellybeans to tires, and toilet paper by the case. When the first of them opened in California eight years ago, it was so widely ignored that management asked employees to park in front to look as though they had business.

Now the whole idea has developed into a sort of cult. Some savvy shoppers even have set aside half their garages to store cases of motor oil, barrels of laundry detergent and 64-ounce jars of mayonnaise.

Barter is back, too. Last year, 240,000 businesses bartered \$1 billion in goods and services. More to the point, though, is that neighbors are saving plumbing fees and typing job costs by trading for whatever they have to give.

In the long run, it's surprising what plugging small leaks in the wallet will accomplish. Trimming off \$50 and adding it to your mortgage payment will save thousands of dollars in interest.

But for world-class cheapskates, half-off isn't enough. These folks have discovered the excitement of milking more than 100 cents from a dollar by shopping resale shops, flea markets and garage sales.

Don't snicker. Resale shops, once the forlorn repository of dreary discards, are a pleasant surprise, at least as bright and attractive as Woolworths. Cleaned

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THEY'RE STEALING OUR SECRETS

By Peter Schweizer

DURING the Cold War, we all heard the spy stories about the KGB trying to steal our industrial secrets. Today, there still are foreign intelligence agencies stealing our technology. But what will probably surprise you is that the most serious perpetrators are also some of our closest allies.

According to former CIA director Richard Helms, "The only sin in espionage is getting caught."

But when it comes to America's friends and allies who engage in industrial espionage, the cost of this sin has been nonexistent.

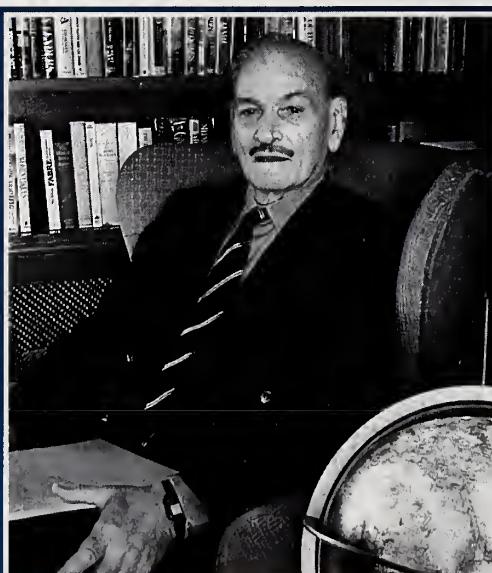
Consider this case: From 1987 to 1989, French intelligence agents penetrated the Paris offices of IBM and Texas Instruments. The French wanted computer microchip technology to give to a French electronics company, Bull, owned by the French government. It is not known how many computer secrets they stole.

After an FBI/CIA team uncovered the French penetration of IBM and Texas Instruments, the U.S. State Department lodged a formal diplomatic protest.

How seriously did the French

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**OUR FRIENDS
ARE WORKING
AGAINST US IN
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TECHNOLOGICAL
SUPERIORITY.**



SPYMASTER

Pierre Marion, a former director of the French Intelligence Service: "Industrial espionage, even among friends, is a normal action of an intelligence agency."

take this complaint? Not very, because a few months later, the American government let Bull buy another American company, Honeywell Federal Systems, which possesses high technology similar to what France was trying to steal.

To add irony to injury, the Bull-owned Honeywell Federal Systems now is a major supplier to the CIA. Even though some experts from the State and Commerce departments urged the government to block the sale, it went on as scheduled, giving a message to all countries that America is not serious about protecting its technology secrets.

Friendly countries are engaging in industrial espionage against the United States because it is profitable and it makes sense for many.

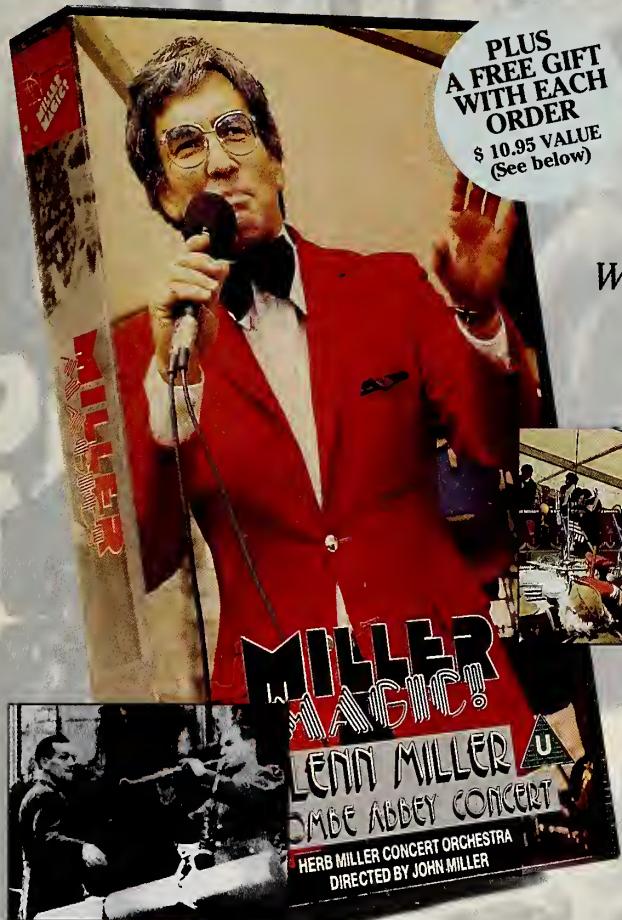
According to Ambassador Richard Walker, a member of the CIA's Senior Review Panel and a consultant to director Robert Gates, "Increasingly the attitude in other economically advanced countries, who also happen to be allies, is 'we need to be on top of all developments in science and technology.' And, of course, to do that, you need to engage in espionage."

Herb Meyer, a former vice chairman of the CIA's National Intelligence Council in the 1980s, is even more blunt.

"Foreign intelligence services are rapidly swinging to a greater focus on helping their companies to compete globally. They are basically going at it by continuing what they've been doing for the last 40 years, but more so, which is primarily using espionage and espionage-type activities to assist companies."

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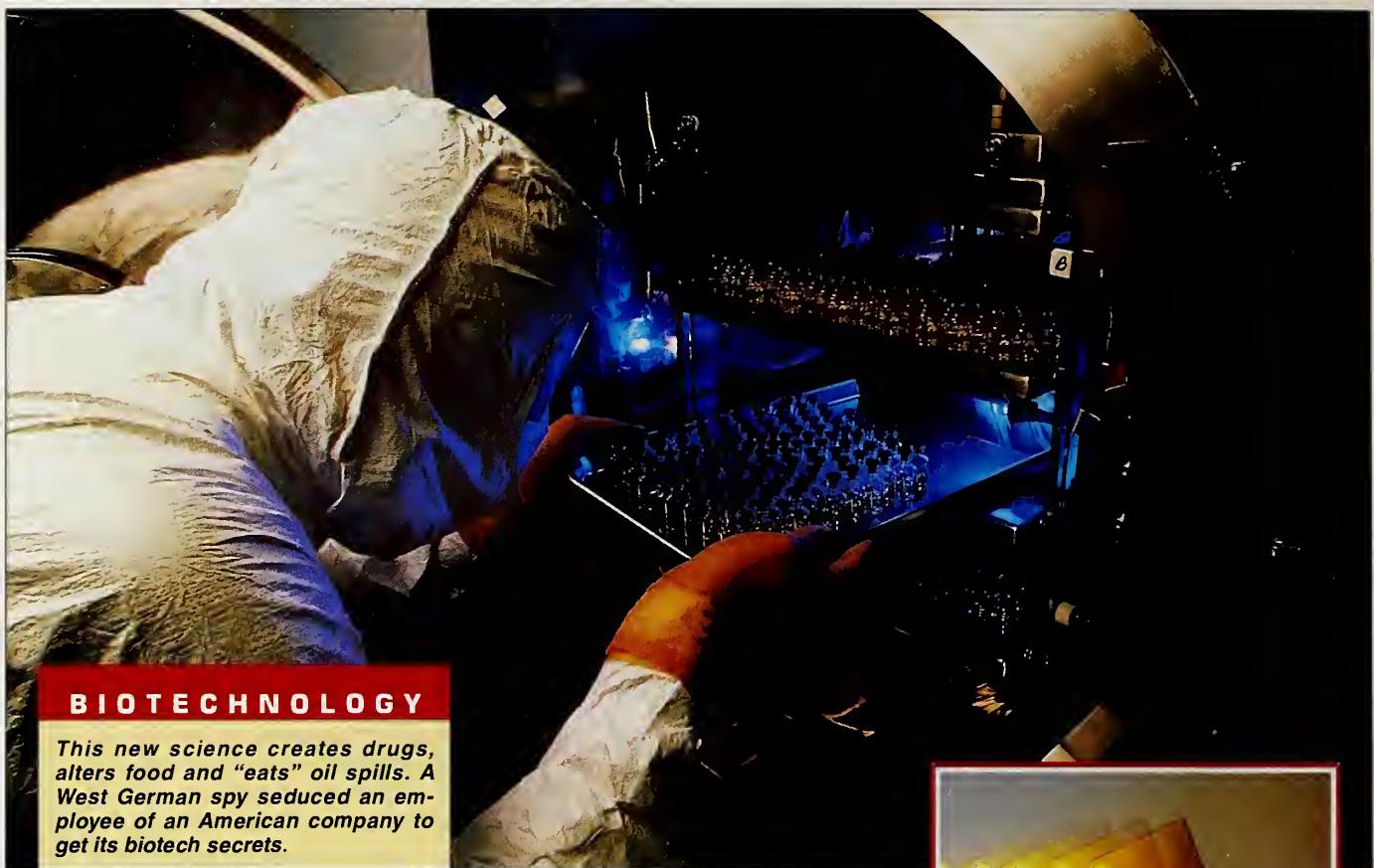
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BIOTECHNOLOGY

This new science creates drugs, alters food and "eats" oil spills. A West German spy seduced an employee of an American company to get its biotech secrets.

The FBI used to be worried most about the Soviet KGB and the intelligence services of its Eastern bloc allies. But today it is the activity of French, German, Japanese, Israeli and South Korean spies that poses the largest threat to our industrial and technology secrets.

In a private speech in October 1990, FBI director William Sessions revealed to a surprised crowd that the bureau would be devoting a larger share of its counterintelligence resources toward

combating "the intelligence activities against U.S. interests by so-called 'friendly' intelligence services."

By all accounts, the methods friendly spies have used against U.S. targets are every bit as sophisticated as those once used by the KGB. They have planted moles in U.S. companies, bought high-tech—sometimes classified—information from compromised employees, and they regularly eavesdrop on international corporate communications.

U.S. trade negotiators traveling overseas regularly report finding "bugs" in their hotel rooms. As Raymond Rocca, a former CIA deputy director for counterintelligence, glumly puts it, "They're robbing us blind."

Examples of "friendly spy" activities abound. Between 1986 and 1990, four Japanese multinational corporations—Nissan, Mitsubishi, Toshiba and IHI—paid California rocket scientist Ronald Hoffman more than \$700,000 for computer software secrets related to the Strategic Defense Initiative. They all have big plans to move into the space technologies business, and the information that Hoffman sold them will be extremely beneficial.

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The French Intelligence Service, the DGSE, began a two-year effort in 1987 to plant moles in IBM and Texas Instruments. Numerous other penetra-

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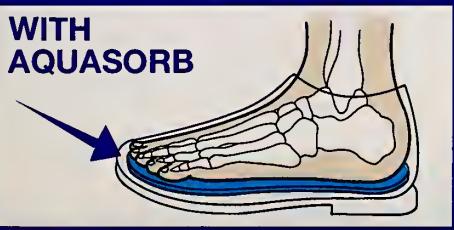
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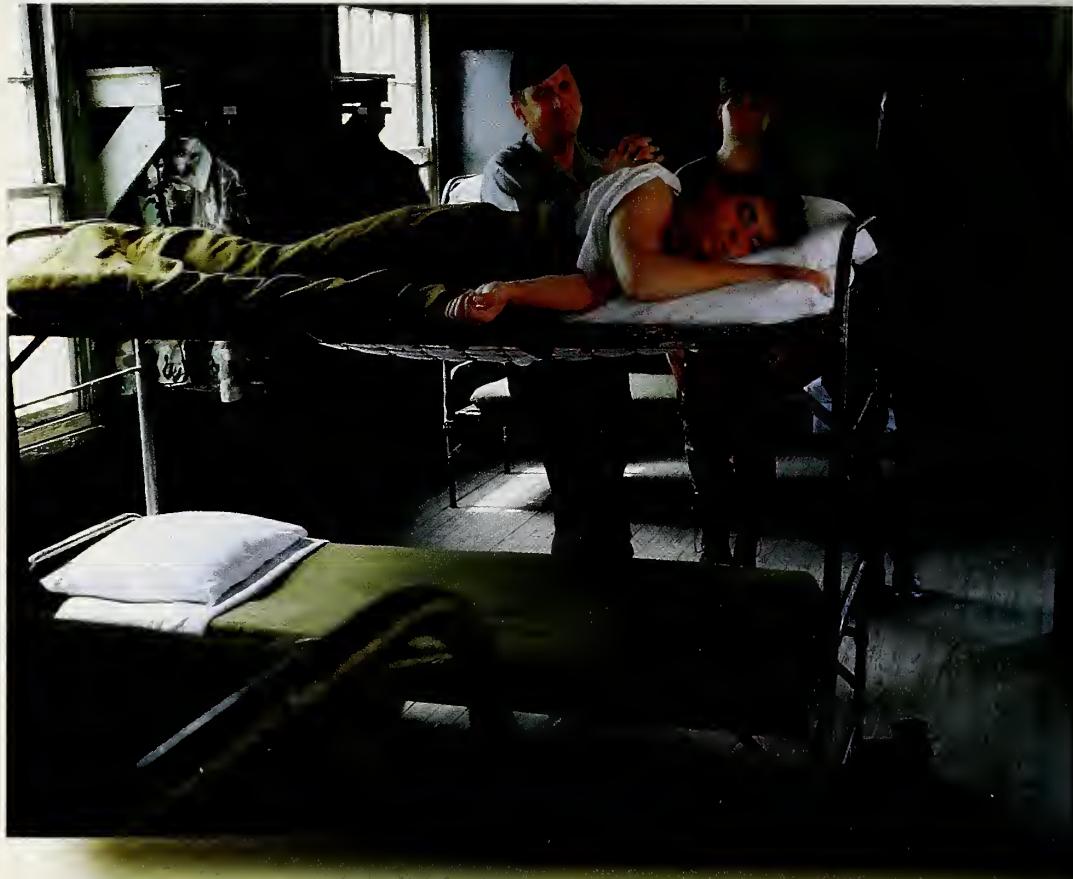
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BLOOD FEUDS—When cultures, not countries, vent years of suppressed hatreds by waging war, it is with a fanaticism hard for Americans to understand. Above, Croatian Special Forces soldiers guard a village house.

TRIBAL WARS

OLD ETHNIC RIVALRIES ARE BACK, AGAIN THREATENING WORLD PEACE.

By Jay Stuller

FUELED by intense blood-feud passions that few Americans have experienced, or can even fully understand, ethnic animosities once again are burning throughout the world. ■ This tribal revival is rapidly becoming the international epidemic of the 1990s. Today, we see it as the ethnic violence that is destroying Yugoslavia and may yet fracture India. ■ But it also may make headlines as hypernationalism—when a single ethnic group dominating one country, say Germany or Japan, feels threatened by a changing world. It was ethnic conflicts, after all, that helped start both world wars. ■ Ironically, the breakup of the Soviet Union has catalyzed much of this tribal revival. If left unchecked



TRIBAL WARS



IN INDIA—The world's largest democracy is split by religious clashes, which were behind this violence.

tribalism may become more dangerous than any U.S.-USSR showdown, many experts believe.

After all, superpower beefs, tempered by fear of massive mutual destruction, are one thing. Blood feuds are another. Ethnic conflicts are the most savage among the human species.

Today, ethnic groups—or people with common ties of ancestry, language, culture, nationality, race, religion or some combination of several elements—are binding tighter and tighter, and seeking control over their destinies. These tribes include people without countries, minorities and even majorities in lands controlled by others.

For much of this century, nationalism integrated diverse faiths and cultures into unified countries. Now many countries are breaking apart, or threatened because of these tribal clashes:

• **Serbs vs. Croats.** Since the end of World War II, authoritarian communist governments kept a lid on the historically contentious Balkans. Today, 50

Freelance writer Jay Stuller's most recent article for THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, "Patented Problems," appeared in the July issue.

years of suppressed hatreds are flaring as Orthodox Christian Serbs, Catholic Croats, Muslim Slavs and Albanians seek control over their lives.

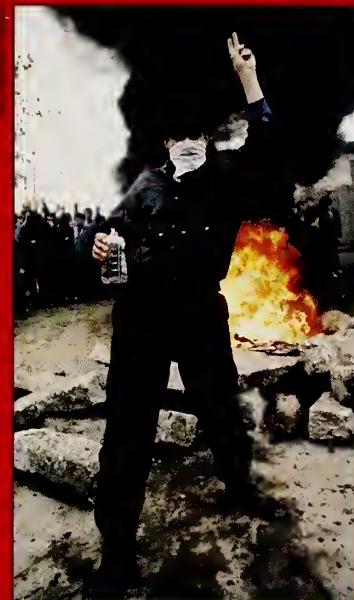
The violence literally has torn apart the fabric of what was once the ethnic crazy quilt of Yugoslavia. And similar situations are shredding order within several former Soviet states.

• **Hindus vs. Muslims.** The world's largest democracy, India, is being threatened with disintegration as Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims and Tamils strive—wherever they live in great numbers—for independence or self-determination. Much of the violence is selective, with nationalist assassins targeting leaders of other groups. But the potential for a larger conflict looms at any given moment.

Last February, for example, in the north Indian market town of Hapur, a seemingly bizarre dispute between Hindus and Muslims—over a religious "miracle" of a snake in a tree—led to riots and deaths. In fact, the fight was really about land ownership, economic



TRIBAL WARS



WAR—“Solidarity is secured through war with outsiders,” says an expert. An Albanian protestor proves the point.

and social power, a microcosm of entire nations.

• **Scotland vs. United Kingdom.** A recent poll revealed that half of Scotland wants independence after nearly three centuries as a part of the United Kingdom. As James Kellas of Glasgow University told *U.S. News & World Report*: “If Slovenia and Croatia can be accepted as independent states, why not Scotland?”

• **Quebec vs. Canada.** English-speaking Canada is considering what was once unthinkable. Weary of the “distinct society” demands and threats of secession by French-speaking Quebec, the rest of Canada now seems ready to let the province go.

• **Germany vs. Europe.** And perhaps most disturbing, a reunified Germany is surging with nationalism and exerting its weight in the European Community. Combining that with ethnic fervor—and the concept of Aryan superiority isn’t exactly new to German thinking—is a recipe for aggressive hypernationalism. Says James Rollo of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, “What we see—some among us, with a shudder—is Germany taking the helm in Europe.”

ON FIRE—A cease-fire ends in Yugoslavia, this time over a battle for a wall. European ethnic passions like these began both world wars.

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Are the outbreaks of ethnic violence, separatism and such merely local troubles? Or will they endanger America and its interests?

The latter is entirely possible, according to John Mearsheimer, chairman of the University of Chicago’s political science department. If any one European state attempts to become a “hegemony” or dominant power on the Continent, says Mearsheimer, the United States and Great Britain have historically responded with force.

Neither Germany, France, the old Soviet Union nor any other state appears to have such designs—right now. What’s worrisome is that a number of the new and reformulated European nations have access to, or the capability of, building nuclear weapons. If, say, the Ukrainians and Russians come into nuclear conflict, adds Mearsheimer, “we’ve all got a big problem.” But how likely is that?

Well, blood feuds can simmer for
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CUTTING CORNERS KEEPING COVERAGE

By Gordon Williams

BUY a new car and you'll spend an average of \$700 a year insuring it. Live in an average house, with the usual possessions, and you can spend \$500 a year on homeowner's insurance.

You don't have to be a financial whiz to know that insuring your car, home and all you own can take a mean bite out of your budget. Even worse, the cost of insurance keeps climbing faster than the rate of inflation—and faster than your take-home pay.

Still, if the high cost of insurance is getting you down, you can do something about it. By shopping hard, you can cut the cost of both automobile and homeowner's insurance by as much as 50 percent. You can save still more by knowing the money-saving discounts that insurance companies offer—for everything from driving your car safely to having a burglar alarm at home.

Here are seven rules for getting the most for your insurance dollars:

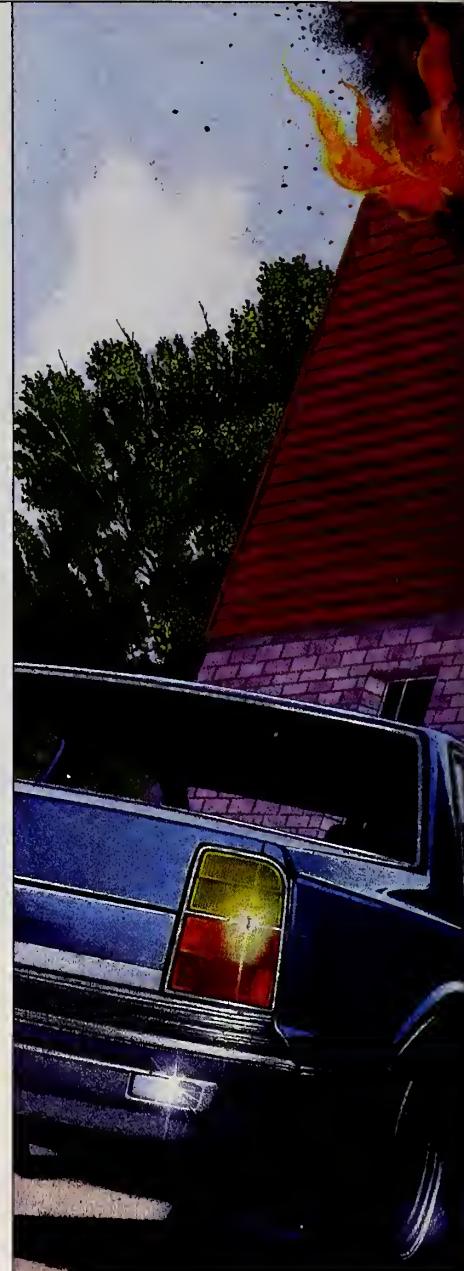
Gordon Williams is business correspondent for ABC News, and a frequent writer on financial subjects.

When things go wrong, you need insurance. But premiums continue to rise. Here are seven easy ways to keep your costs down.

Shop smart when you buy insurance. The same automobile coverage you're paying \$1,000 a year for, could cost \$500 a year from another company. "People don't realize how the price of insurance can vary from one company to another," says Robert Hunter, president of the National Insurance Consumer Organization in Alexandria, Va.

Even if you've used one company for years, comparison-shop the next time a policy is up for renewal. Ask friends and neighbors about insurance companies and agents. *Consumer Reports* often writes about insurance. Check out the companies it rates highly for service and cost.

State Farm Mutual is the biggest auto insurer. It rates high in customer



service and its prices are usually competitive. Hunter suggests getting a quote from State Farm and shopping it around. Try Allstate, owned by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Also try Nationwide. Like State Farm, both have their own agents who sell only their insurance. Try a couple of independent agents representing a number of insurance companies.

Know the coverage you want, and shop for the lowest premium on that coverage.

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FDA, DRUGS & YOU

To industry and the consumer, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler has been both a good and bad guy. He's toughened some regulations, loosened others. Here's what he believes the FDA must do to protect Americans.

FEW, if any, federal agencies have a more awesome responsibility than the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Its job is to ensure what Americans eat or drink is safe. To do this, it must guarantee the safety of nearly \$1 trillion worth of consumer products, including drugs, medical devices, food and cosmetics.

Since David Aaron Kessler came on board as commissioner in December 1990, he has instituted changes that should remain in effect whether or not he stays in office in the next administration. Kessler has made FDA a better policeman by enforcing laws and regulations with greater vigor than his predecessors.

In the belief that "for market forces to work well, information has to be accurate," Kessler has taken aim against deceptive labeling and advertising. He also has altered the agency's management structure with an eye on efficiency.

Kessler, 40, might be the best-qualified commissioner in FDA's history. The native New Yorker got his doctor of laws from Chicago University in 1978 and his doctor of medicine from Harvard a year later, working on both degrees at the same time.

During his residency at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution in Baltimore in the early 1980s, he also worked with the Senate Labor and Human Resource Committee. In the late '80s, he was medical director of the Einstein Medical College hospital in New York City, worked in the hospital's pediatric clinic and taught food and drug law at Columbia University.

In this interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, Kessler outlines FDA's efforts to protect American consumers.

American Legion Magazine: Some consumers have expressed concern that FDA is concentrating on AIDS

cures at the expense of cancer drugs and other important drugs.

David A. Kessler: There is no question we have put a great deal of attention on AIDS. But it is equally true that we have put a great deal of time on cancer. The average time for approving a cancer drug is probably the shortest in the agency.

Many people think we are in the business of discovering and developing drugs. We are not. The National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, the academic community and the pharmaceutical industry are the ones who discover drugs.

But to speed up the process, we have allowed expanded access of experimental drugs, even before they are fully tested. I believe that when it comes to life-threatening disease, the riskiest thing you can do is not be willing to take some risks.

Q. Cancer patients are concerned that your crack down on promotion of off-label, or unapproved uses, which are common in cancer therapy, has dampened doctors' willingness to prescribe experimental drugs.

A. That is not the case. The physician is free to prescribe a drug in any way he or she sees fit.

But, before a drug company goes out and commercializes an indication that is not on the label, we say, "Come in and show us the data." We have started a program to give manufacturers incentives to come in and show us the data for off-label uses, so they can commercialize and promote them.

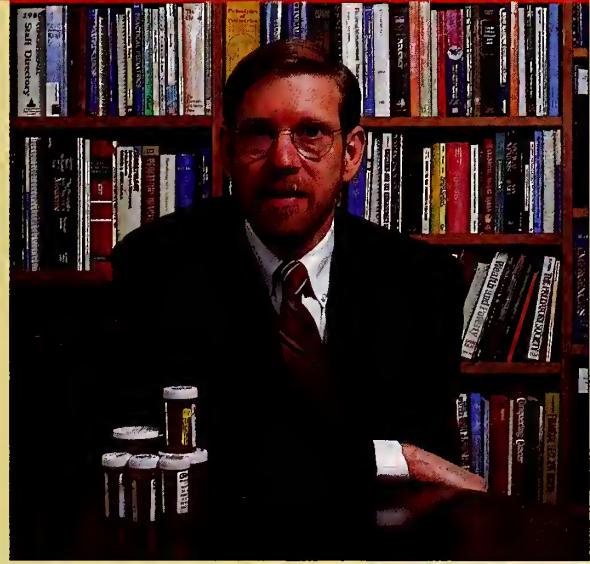
Q. Why do you oppose most kinds of direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs?

A. I do not think advertising is the right forum for prescription drugs.

Consumers need information about prescription drugs. When I walk into a pharmacy, it amazes me that in 1992 we



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TIMOTHY A. MURPHY

THE STOCK MARKET

get handed a bottle of pills with very little information. To me, that is the dark ages. I have spoken to pharmacists and the pharmaceutical industry about coming up with innovative ways to convey information, but not in the context of advertising.

Q. You also have tried to stop other kinds of drug promotions.

A. As a physician, I have gotten things that look like scientific journals and are nothing more than marketing gimmicks. They are pushing the advantages of certain drugs without the fair balance that is required.

If a celebrity appears on a talk show and says I took such and such medicine and it worked, and that celebrity is not paid by anyone, we have no problem with that. But if that celebrity goes on as a paid spokesman, has never taken the medicine, doesn't disclose he is a paid spokesman and talks about the drug as a wonder drug, I think that is deceptive.

When drug companies sell a doctor on a drug, representing it as a great breakthrough, it is a marketing ploy, and I have problems with that.

Q. When you became commissioner, the FDA's reputation and ability to protect public health had been severely damaged by scandals in the generic drug industry. You said the FDA had "lost the respect of those we are charged with regulating." Were companies taking advantage of the situation?

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David A. Kessler On...

Generic drugs: "Now, consumers can have confidence in generic drugs that are prescribed."

Approving experimental drugs: "When it comes to life-threatening diseases, the riskiest thing you can do is not be willing to take some risks."

Drug promotions: "When drug companies sell a doctor on a drug, representing it as a great breakthrough, it is a marketing ploy, and I have problems with it."

The price of drugs: "As we reduce the amount of time a drug is under review so the company can get the drug to the market sooner, that should translate into cheaper drugs."

Food label reforms: "The most important concept here is that when you see something called low fat, you have confidence that it is low fat."

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By David Burns

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Voice of America's Willis Conover

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VOA was politically dangerous for Eastern Europeans. Conover's show was one of their few links to the United States, and their only link to jazz.

Fans secretly recorded his programs, often using old X-ray film for discs. They listen to more than jazz; they listened to a free America. And Conover helped keep their hope alive.

On the air, Conover's comments are brief, never cute or clever. The emphasis is on jazz and the artists who create it. His listeners know that whether he plays early Louis Armstrong or recent Wynton Marsalis, they will hear the best jazz America has to offer.

"My formula is simply to play the best music. I don't sell America, which is not for sale. And the music speaks for itself," he says.

At 72, Conover is as busy as when he started in radio in 1939. He broadcasts six 45-minute "Music USA" jazz programs every week, worldwide, in English. He also does two 30-minute worldwide broadcasts of what he calls "enduring popular songs—the singers and instrumentalists who are concerned with quality, not the latest fad."

Then there's the "Music With Friends" weekly half-hour for Polish radio—"the kind of records you play for people when they drop by," he explains.

Finally, he squeezes in special music programs aimed at countries his regular shows have missed. He has tapes—some 20,000 now—of his VOA programs over the years.

What ties all this together is Conover's love of American jazz. "Jazz is America's classical music," he says.

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SHOULD WE GIVE AID TO RUSSIA ?



By
**Robert E.
Hunter**

**Aid is a gamble, but
without it we risk
Cold War II, or worse.**

YES

MONEY DOWN
a rat hole...Just a
bunch of commies
trying to change
their spots...Never
work anyway...We
won the Cold War
and that ought to be enough....

You gotta be kidding! Provide aid to Russia? It's understandable that the American people aren't enthusiastic. Practically every way you look at the economics of it, it doesn't seem to make sense. We bore the costs of the Cold War for two generations, and now we are strapped for cash and face a long agenda of domestic needs.

There is no sure bet that providing money to Russia—or to any of the other states that emerge from the

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wreckage of the former Soviet Union—would have the desired effect. It's clear that basic change in post-communist societies will depend primarily on what they do by themselves.

And even if the economic case can be made, surely our European allies, who live closer to Russia, should provide the cash.

If the argument ended here, we might just as well let the Russians and the other former Soviets stew in their own juices. But it doesn't. In fact, there's a risk that "penny wise" now will be "pound foolish" in the future—and that could prove to be very foolish indeed.

The West won the Cold War. We won it more completely than either of the two world wars in this century. The Soviet Union didn't just lose strategically—its army retreating from conquered territory—the Union itself collapsed, the empire going out of existence. We also won politically and economically—beating communism on both scores.

The scattered parts of our former enemy now see the advantages in pursuing democratic societies and market-oriented economies, even if they never completely get there. That's an unprecedented victory for our military resolve, our ideals, our economic methods.

But like so many victories, this one can also be fleeting unless we follow up. There are clear lessons. In 1919, the World War I victors kicked Germany when it was down, and the result was Adolf Hitler.

A generation later, the World War II victors reached out to the defeated Axis powers, and the results today are two free, democratic market-oriented countries that are allied to the United



States—Germany and Japan. Americans may grouse that these former enemies seem to be doing well economically at our expense, but that whiff of competition is certainly a lot better than another round of confrontation and aggression.

It's possible that Russia, the biggest of the bits left over from the Soviet Union, will just go away, consumed with its troubles for generations, or break up into even smaller pieces. Possible, but not likely.

More likely, Russia will re-emerge as a great power on the world scene within the next several years, say in about the same time it took the Kaiser's Germany to turn into Hitler's.

But what kind of Russia will it be?

For a thousand years, Russia steadily expanded, gobbling up neighbors as it went. It never knew the Enlightenment, anything we would call democracy, or a market economy worthy of the name.

Now, for the first time in a millennium, there is a chance—yes, just a chance—that Russia can develop into a

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"NEW" RUSSIA—Despite reforms, a Soviet-style economy still dominates Russia. Above, a worker assembles a meat grinder in a former munitions factory. Left, in a state-owned liquor store, customers face tripled vodka prices.



By
**Nicholas
Eberstadt**

Aid won't work, so let's just buy their old nukes instead.

NO THE HUGE economic aid program for Boris Yeltsin's Russian government is unsound in its design and is likely to end as an expensive failure. Although the United States and other Western governments have pledged to

spend tens of billions of dollars to stabilize the Russian economy and to spur its development, the program we are paying for cannot accomplish either of these objectives.

Moreover, though aid to Russia has been advertised as a way of speeding reform in that hard-pressed country, the fact is that these massive bequests may actually slow the pace of the Russian government's reforms. Worst of all, our economic aid program for Russia does virtually nothing to reduce the risk that Russia may someday re-emerge as a threat to world security.

Over four decades of experience with "economic assistance" programs around the world offer few examples of unqualified success. To the contrary, in Africa, Asia and Latin America, we witness the spectacle of unending transfers of so-called "development assistance"—transfers that often subsidize irresponsible policies, whose very results provide the justification for further aid.

And what of the "success stories?" There is the Marshall Plan (1948-52)

for western Europe. Proponents of new aid efforts almost always invoke this hallowed name; they fail to remember, however, that the Marshall Plan strove neither to restructure nor to develop the economies of western Europe—only to restore them to their pre-war levels of output.

Japan's famous boom only began after foreign relief and aid planners got out of the way.

South Korea and Taiwan went on to prosper after prolonged dependence on U.S. foreign aid, but they did not embrace the policies that ultimately enriched them until the U.S. government announced that it was cutting off their aid.

In sum, economic aid has a highly checkered track record, and contemporary Russia is not the sort of place where it is likely to turn a bad situation around. Foreign aid will not rescue Russia, because what ails Russia today is not merely a shortage of hard western cash extended on generous terms.

What ails Russia is its legacy of communism. For over 70 years, the Soviet government methodically dis-

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LAW SETS MINIMUM DIC PAYMENTS

EFFECTIVE Jan. 1, 1993, all veterans' spouses eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) will receive benefits of at least \$750 per month.

VA makes DIC payments to surviving spouses and children of veterans who died on active duty or died from causes related to service-connected disability.

The increase, authorized under PL 102-568, the DIC Reform Act that became law on Oct. 29, 1992, applies to all new DIC recipients and to those who are currently receiving less than \$750 per month. An additional \$165

per month will be added to that base amount, if the veteran was totally disabled for at least eight years before his or her death.

The legislation also includes a "grandfather" clause to protect DIC recipients who were receiving payments over \$750. Their monthly checks will not be reduced.

The 1993 monthly rate for a DIC spouse with children is also increased from \$71 to \$100 per child. The rate climbs to \$150 in 1994 and to \$200 per month in 1995. The law also reinstates DIC eligibility for some remarried spouses of veterans, if they began their divorce action before Nov. 1, 1990.

"The Legion favors the increase to \$750, however, we oppose the across-the-board raise because it does not take into account the years of service the veteran served," says Charles Pesso, Chairman of The American Legion Legislative Commission. "It is unfair to compensate the family of a veteran who spent 10, 20 or 30 years of his life serving his country at the same rate as a veteran who served a two-year hitch."

Pesso says Legion Res. 2, passed at the 1992 Fall Meeting in Indianapolis, calls for extra benefits to compensate for the number of years the veteran was on active duty, as well as the length of time the veteran was totally disabled.

VA Care For Families

Certain active duty members, military retirees and their dependents would be eligible to receive VA health care under PL 102-585, the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, which was signed into law Nov. 4, 1992.

The law authorizes VA to provide health care on a space-available basis in areas where base closings have left active duty and retired military families without Department of Defense hospitals and clinics.

It also sets up a VA health-service program for women veterans, including a counseling program for those who are sexually harassed or assaulted while in the service. The law directs VA to provide pap smear tests, mammography and general reproductive health care for women veterans. Currently, just under 5 percent of the nation's veterans are women.

Reserve Burials

Reservists with at least 20 years' service now are eligible for government burial markers or headstones and a burial flag under PL 102-547, the Veterans Home Loan Amendments of 1992. However, only those Reservists who die while active duty are eligible for burial in national cemeteries.

Just as for veterans with active duty service, all that is required for career

Reservists to receive a headstone or marker and a burial flag is a discharge other than dishonorable. For more details, contact your American Legion Department Service Officer or your regional VA office.

Cancer Connection

Veterans with cancers of the urinary tract or salivary gland who were exposed to atmospheric atomic tests may be eligible for VA compensation.

The two cancers are now linked to ionizing radiation and are presumed service-connected, as provided by PL 102-578, which became effective Oct. 1, 1992. The law applies to veterans exposed to nuclear radiation at test sites between 1945 and 1962.

Other cancers linked to radiation are: leukemia, except chronic lymphocytic leukemia; multiple myeloma; lymphomas, except Hodgkin's disease; primary liver cancer, unless cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated; thyroid cancer; breast cancer; pharynx cancer; esophagus cancer, cancer of the small intestine; stomach cancer; cancer of the pancreas; cancer of the bile ducts; and cancer of the gall bladder.

Under the new law, illness caused by radiation exposure no longer must meet time and disability criteria before it is presumed service-connected. The old law required the veteran to contract the illness within 40 years of exposure and

to be rated 10 percent disabled before the illness would be presumed service-connected.

Another of the law's provisions requires VA's Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards to review scientific data and determine if bronchioalveolar carcinoma should also be considered service-connected. The committee must report its findings to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by April 1.

For further information, contact your American Legion Department Service Officer.

COLA Increased

Veterans receiving VA compensation can expect a cost of living (COLA) increase of 3 percent in their checks this month. The 1993 increase is authorized by PL 102-510, the Veterans Compensation COLA Act of 1992, and is identical to the raise in Social Security benefits, according to Mississippi Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

The COLA is based on the rate of inflation as of Dec. 1, 1992. "This was the only way we could ensure that veterans will receive the correct COLA on time," says Montgomery. He says Congress attempted to adjust the COLA independently of the inflation rate, but could not agree on the amount. □

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FALL MEETING

Get Ready, Capitol Hill!

EVERY member of the National Legislative Council of The American Legion has been given marching orders to improve communications with Congress.

By passing Res. 32 at the Fall Meeting of the National Executive Committee, Oct. 14-15, Legion leaders committed the nation's largest veterans organization to a more aggressive role on legislative issues at the grass roots level. The resolution directs the 535 general members of the council to increase their one-on-one contact with their assigned senators and representatives.

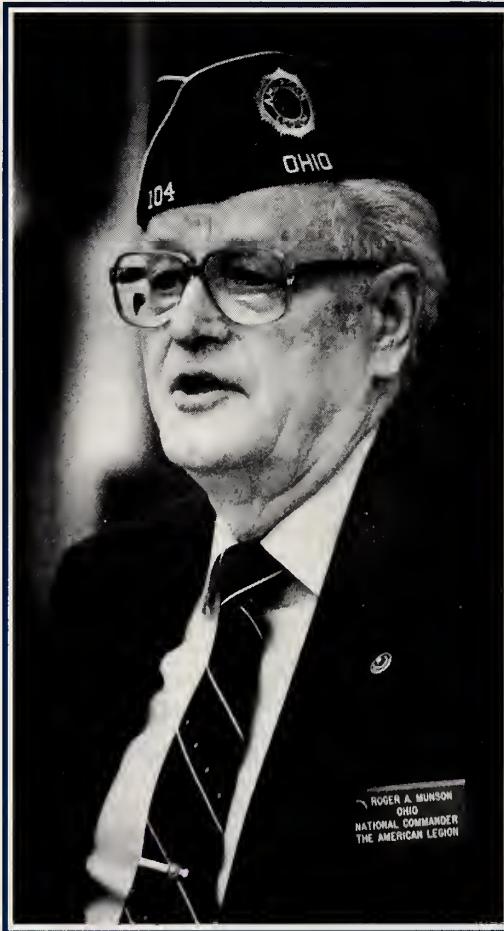
"We need to tap the political muscle of The American Legion and stand up for veterans while Congress determines the future of our military and those who served in it," said National Commander Roger A. Munson.

"As we look toward 1993 and beyond, we know that we will be tested severely as we pursue our legislative priorities," Munson said. "We must ensure that we have open lines of communications with all congressional members. A revitalized National Legislative Council will accomplish that goal."

Since April 1975, the Legislative Council has been responsible for presenting the Legion's legislative views to individual members of Congress. Serving two-year terms that coincide with congressional elections, council members are led by a national chairman and national vice chairmen from each Department.

Res. 32 also requires an annual reporting of council member activities to the national council chairman. The resolution authorizes the National Commander to relieve in-

NEC calls on the Legion's National Legislative Council to become more aggressive on veterans' issues.



THE YEAR AHEAD—"We need to tap the political muscle of The American Legion," National Commander Roger A. Munson told the NEC.

effective council members.

Munson says council members will press the 103rd Congress to provide a GI Bill of Rights for Desert Storm veterans, more programs for homeless and unemployed veterans, an amendment to the Constitution to protect the U.S. Flag, a resolution of the POW/MIA issue, cautious reductions in military strength and realistic increases in the VA budget.

"This year we need to focus on making VA medical care available to more veterans," Munson said. "With the release earlier in the year of *The American Legion Proposal on Veterans Health Care*, the Legion will work to simplify VA health-care eligibility."

The Legion's proposal addressing VA medical care calls for only two classifications of veterans: service-connected and nonservice-connected.

"The VA health-care system is, indeed, a national asset and the Legion's health-care proposal will help thousands of veterans," Munson said.

Speaking before Legionnaires at the Fall Meeting, Acting VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi urged closer cooperation between the Legion and VA.

"We have to remember that VA and the Legion are partners," Principi said. "Whether my tenure is four months or 40 months, we need to work together, we need to participate in the decision-making process, air our differences and come together working for the highest quality health-care and delivery system for America's veterans."

"VA needs health-care eligibility reform that stresses preventive treatment and at-home care," he told the Legion leadership.

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Principi, a Vietnam veteran and member of Post 17 of Kodiak, Alaska, took the helm at VA after Secretary Edward J. Derwinski resigned Sept. 26.

"Veterans who aren't sick enough to be hospitalized, but who need treatment, should not be denied," he said. "Doctors should be able to prescribe treatment appropriate to veterans' needs."

Principi told NECmen and other Legionnaires that VA faces the challenges of budget shortfalls, eligibility reform and the need to revamp its management.

"The primary challenge is the VA budget. In the past three and one-half years, we've done fairly well in the budget battles. But clearly, it's not enough."

According to Principi, increasing health-care costs are the biggest drain on the VA budget, but congressional pork barrel projects are a serious problem too.

"What really troubles me, as I look at the budget each year, is the dollars earmarked for pet projects," Principi said.

FOR example, Principi said the 1993 VA budget contains more than \$1 million for a pedestrian bridge between a VA medical center and a medical school to make the walk between the facilities more convenient for doctors.

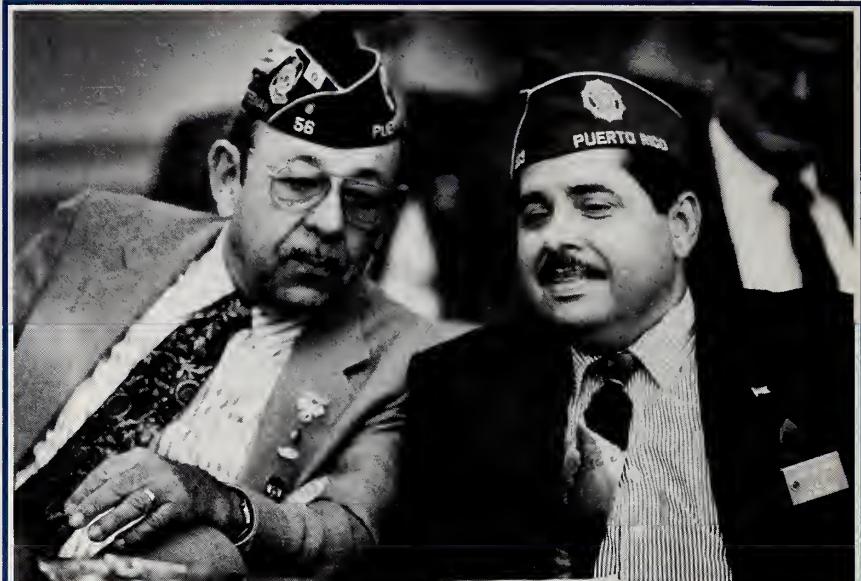
"When you're trying to meet the basic budgetary needs of our nation's veterans, I'm not sure I'd spend \$1 million on one pedestrian bridge," Principi said.

The acting VA secretary also suggested that money could be saved if military retirement checks and VA disability checks were mailed together to conserve postage; if VA could increase cooperation with the Department of Defense (DoD) in creating a uniform system of record retrieval; and if VA-repossessed homes could be well-maintained and for-sale signs promptly and prominently displayed.

During the NEC meeting, National Commander Munson praised Legionnaires' hurricane-relief efforts in Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii, and asked NECmen to help replenish the National Emergency Fund (NEF).

"Through your donations, the NEF will continue to funnel money and supplies to members of our Legion family who need help," Munson said.

Response to Munson's request was



NEWS 3 NHOF

UPDATE—Puerto Rico NECman Carlos Orria-Medina (r) and former NECman Juan Cintron were among those receiving the latest word on Legion goals.

immediate, as the Department of New York donated \$20,000; the Department of New Jersey, \$16,762; and the Department of Puerto Rico, \$1,152. Munson also thanked Indianapolis-area companies for providing supplies and services for the Legion's hurricane relief efforts after Hurricane Andrew. He cited Sam's Wholesale Club, Montgomery Ward and Co., Central Hardware, United Parcel Service, Marsh Supermarket and Target.

Munson also expressed disappointment about the Supreme Court's latest decision on flag desecration. On Oct. 13, the day before the NEC met, the Supreme Court turned down a request by the State of Texas to reconsider the 1989 *Texas v. Johnson* decision that ruled flag burning is a protected form of free speech.

"The court's ruling is only further proof of the Legion's belief that the only way to protect the flag from physical desecration is by a constitutional amendment," Munson said.

During the Fall Meeting, the following program and policy resolutions were passed:

Res. 1 Establishes June 1993 as the beginning of Legion participation in the Retinitis Pigmentosa/Kellogg Company national fund-raising campaign.

Res. 2 Seeks legislation to increase dependency and indemnity compensation and provide other benefits to surviving spouses of veterans.

Res. 4 Urges Congress to adopt leg-

islation to stabilize nonprofit postal rates.

Res. 17 Recognizes the Los Angeles Police Department for its DARE program to educate youths about the dangers of drugs.

Res. 20 Supports the North American Free Trade Agreement among Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Res. 21 Urges DoD and Congress to update the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews AFB, Md.

Res. 22 Urges DoD to render appropriate military honors to all eligible veterans upon their death.

Res. 24 Urges DoD to maintain all reserve facilities, the commissary, post exchange and medical clinics currently at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Res. 25 Supports DoD's ban on homosexuals in the military.

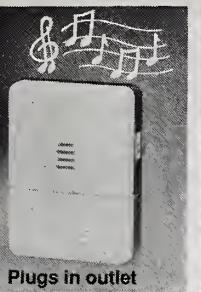
Res. 28 Names Oakland A's catcher Terry Steinbach The American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year; and selects Dr. William M. Suttles, past president of Georgia State University, to receive the Legion's National Education Award for 1992.

Res. 31 Reiterates The American Legion policy on education.

Res. 32 Revitalizes the Legion's National Legislative Council.

The complete text of these and other resolutions passed by the NEC may be obtained from the Archives, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

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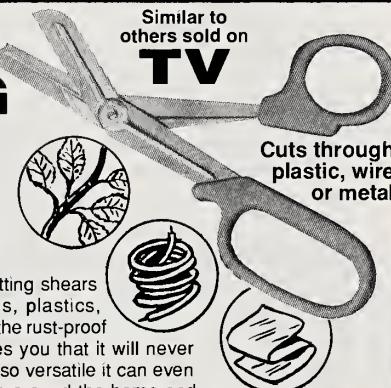
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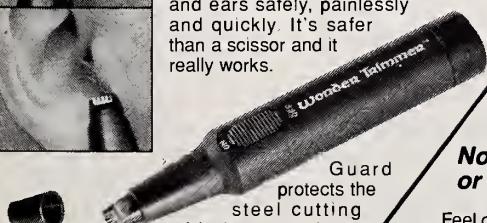


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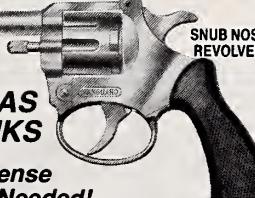
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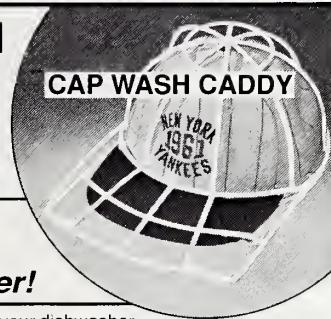
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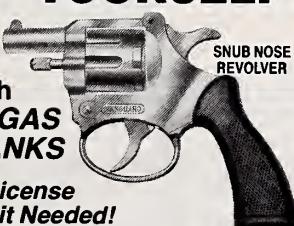
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Building on the success of the 1992 Breakthrough program, RACE TO PITTSBURGH is designed to encourage and reward those Departments reaching and surpassing their 1993 negotiated membership goals. Unlike "Breakthrough '92,"

however, RACE TO PITTSBURGH will focus on existing awards programs and target dates. The objective is to hit a national average of 103 percent of the membership goal, an average which has been achieved in each of the past two years.

RACE TO PITTSBURGH will be officially "launched" with a riverboat-theme luncheon to be hosted by National Commander Munson at the Washington Conference, Feb. 21-24. Each qualifying Department will be invited to send three representatives to the luncheon.

Each Department that achieves 103 percent of its '93 goal on or before June 22, 1993, will receive four invitations to join Munson at a party to be held on a riverboat during September's National Convention.

If the national average reaches 103 percent of the

'93 negotiated goal on or before Aug. 9, 1993, all Departments at or above 100 percent of their negotiated goal will be invited to the riverboat party.

The RACE TO PITTSBURGH membership pro-

gram is expected to provide additional motivation at the Post, District and Department levels to recruit new members, renew current members and to seek new Post members from Department Headquarters Posts. □

Legion Supports DoD Homosexual Ban

THE American Legion totally supports the Department of Defense (DoD) position that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, according to National Commander Roger A. Munson.

Munson urges President-elect Bill Clinton to reconsider his decision to repeal the ban on homosexuals in the U.S. military.

"When you raise your right hand upon entering the military, you agree to conform to military discipline," says Munson. "It is paramount that the good order and discipline of the military be maintained and preserved. That is the DoD policy

the Legion has consistently supported."

The support of the Pentagon's policy was reaffirmed during the Fall Meeting when the National Executive Committee adopted Res. 25 opposing homosexuals in military service.

"There is no place in the Armed Forces for alternate lifestyles," says Munson. "The military is based on uniformity and conformity. All members of a military unit must follow the same orders and wear the same uniform. There can be no divisiveness, no differences of opinion, no votes taken when an order is given to attack a hill or bomb an enemy target." □

NATIONAL COMMANDER MUNSON HONORS VETERANS' SACRIFICES

ABRAM Lincoln once remarked that speeches, statues and monuments are not adequate re-

payment for those who died for our country," National Commander Roger A. Munson said during a speech at the 46th Annual National Veterans Award Dinner in Birmingham, Ala. "He was right. We owe them much, much more.

"To all veterans, whose service spans every decade, every year, and every day of our country's existence, we owe them our freedom. We owe them our heritage. We owe them our gratitude," Munson told those gathered to honor the nation's veterans.

Since 1954, the National Veterans Award

Dinner has been conducted in Birmingham, which claims to be the birthplace of Veterans Day.

The National Veterans Award is presented annually for outstanding service to the nation's veterans. The 1992 award went to Air Force Gen. Charles Horner, Commander of the U.S. Space Command, who directed the air campaign during Operation Desert Storm.

Among the special guests were Alabama Sen. Howell Heflin and Auxiliary President Linda Boone.

On Veterans Day, Munson attended a memorial service at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham. He also was a guest at the World Peace Luncheon where Ray White received the Alabama Legionnaire of the Year award from Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt. White, a former Department Commander, is a member of Post 237 of Huntsville, Ala.

Later that day, about 8,000 people lined the streets of downtown Birmingham for the annual Veterans Day parade. □



GRATITUDE—Munson thanks U.S. veterans at the 46th Annual National Veterans Award Dinner.

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Congress Passes Legion-supported Legislation



HE American Legion played a key role last year in encouraging the 102nd Congress to enact 63 laws that improved benefits for veterans and their dependents.

Among the Legion-supported legislation were major improvements in veterans employment assistance, increased compensation for survivors of deceased veterans and additional medical care for elderly veterans.

During the year, the Legion testified 42 times before con-

gressional committees in behalf of veterans. Although the 102nd Congress failed to resolve some key legislation for veterans, it did set the stage for those issues to be debated seriously this year.

"The Legion makes sure veterans' voices are heard in Congress," says Charles Pesso, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission.

The following is a list of veterans-related issues advocated by the Legion in 1992:

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Omnibus Veterans Health-Care Amendments. PL 102-585 includes the following provisions:

- expands health care resource sharing between VA and DoD;
- establishes a National Center for Preventive Health Care to encourage more preventive treatment at VA;
- creates a Persian Gulf War veteran registry to track disabilities among men and women who served in the war;
- allocates \$8 million to study the health-care needs of female veterans;
- increases the salaries for VA doctors, dentists and nurses;
- provides measures to roll back and then stabilize prices VA pays for drugs;
- directs VA to create a new counseling program for female veterans who were sexually assaulted or harassed while on active duty;
- authorizes VA to provide medical care on a space-available basis to CHAMPUS beneficiaries;
- authorizes DoD to provide medical care to CHAMPVA beneficiaries through VA/DoD resource-sharing arrangements.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) reform. PL 102-568 changed benefits for survivors of veterans who die of service-connected disability after Dec. 1, 1992. Other provisions increase benefits and expand eligibility for life insurance programs.

Montgomery GI Bill Amendments. PL 102-568 also includes provisions to revise the Montgomery GI Bill and raise the monthly benefits paid to participants, including the Selected Reserve.

Radiation exposure compensation changes. PL 102-

578 expands the list of cancers presumed service-connected for veterans exposed to radiation during military service.

Disability, DIC. PL 102-510 provides a cost of living increase for those receiving dependents indemnity compensation and VA compensation.

Tax-free disability compensation. H.R. 11, vetoed by the President, would have protected VA disability compensation adjustments since 1986 from taxation.

Desert Storm GI Bill. Two bills were introduced to create a Desert Storm Veteran GI Bill of Rights. But no final action was taken on these bills during the year. The Legion will continue to push for an adequate bill.

AMERICANISM

Amendment to protect the U.S. Flag. As the 102nd Congress adjourned, 28 states had sent memorializing resolutions to Capitol Hill requesting Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to ban flag desecration.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. PL 102-586 reauthorized the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act through 1996, which combats juvenile crime and provides services to runaway and homeless youths.

ECONOMIC

Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC). Congress passed H.R. 11, that makes TJTC a permanent program. TJTC in recent years has allowed thousands of unemployed veterans to receive job training. However, the President vetoed the bill. Permanent status for TJTC is expected to be introduced again this

year and go before the new President.

Veterans Training. PL 102-394, the fiscal year 1993 Labor, House and Human Services and Education departments spending measure, includes \$182.3 million for programs under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training.

Transitional Assistance in DoD Authorization. Several provisions of PL 102-484 deal with service members leaving the military, including \$686 million for transitional assistance for personnel to adjust to life in the civilian workplace.

VA home loan program amendments. PL 102-547 allows VA to offer guaranteed home loans to members of the National Guard and Reserve who have served honorably for six years. The law also authorizes VA to initiate a pilot project to offer adjustable rate mortgages in its home loan program.

Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) changes. PL 102-568 makes the DVOP program permanent and revises the formula used to determine the number of DVOP specialists to provide employment assistance to disabled veterans.

Homeless veterans assistance. PL 102-590 authorizes \$48 million annually in fiscal years 1993-95 for VA to establish centers for homeless veterans. This law also allows VA to lease up to 10 percent of its repossessed properties to non-profit organizations to provide housing for homeless veterans.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

1993 foreign aid. PL 102-391, the foreign relations spending bill, provides \$14.1 billion in foreign aid—about \$500 million less than the previous year.

NATIONAL SECURITY

1993 Department of Defense (DoD) Authorization. PL 102-484 places a 1,095,000 ceiling on manpower levels of the National Guard and Reserve. The authorization also follows a Legion objective by requiring DoD to submit a report by April 1993 on how military retired pay and VA disability compensation could be received concurrently by veterans who are eligible for both.

1993 Defense Appropriation. PL 102-396, the DoD appropriations measure for fiscal year 1993, contains \$254 billion.

Funding for U.S. Coast Guard. PL 102-388 gives the Coast Guard \$3.3 billion as well as \$303 million transferred from DoD to fund the Coast Guard's military duties.

National Energy Plan. PL 102-486 gives the country a comprehensive energy policy and is intended to decrease U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1993 postal subsidy. The fiscal year 1993 Treasury Department and Postal Service appropriations measure, PL 102-393, provides only \$122 million for non-profit postal subsidies. The Legion will continue to work to stabilize non-profit postage rates and has been seeking legislation to reform the non-profit rate rules.

WWII Commemorative Coin. PL 102-414, the World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, instructs the U.S. Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II. Funds generated from sales of these coins will be used to construct a WWII veterans' memorial in Washington, D.C., as well as a D-Day memorial in Normandy, France. □

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LEGIONNAIRE MARCHES ON MOSCOW

WHO WOULD have believed it? U.S. war heroes marching in the Moscow Victory Parade in Russia. But that's what happened last May 9 when 26 U.S. Medal of Honor winners were invited to participate along with other veterans from Italy, France and Germany.

The Victory Day Parade kicked off Russia's commemoration of World War II.

"The Russians are more like us than different," says Medal of Honor recipient Ronald Rosser, a member of Post 222 of Crooksville, Ohio. "They were my mortal enemies for 45 years, but I've had cause to change my mind about these people."

Wearing a bright white jacket with a U.S. Flag and the words "God Bless America" stitched across the back, Rosser was often the center of attention. Many of the parade spectators



SALUTE—Legion color guard units bid Rosser farewell as he leaves for Russia.

flashed Rosser the victory sign and chanted "hears for America."

Along the parade route to Red Square, the American heroes stopped at a park and planted a sapling from a tree George Washington planted at Mt. Vernon.

Before Rosser left the United States, he asked Crooksville area students to write letters about democracy

and freedom to Russian children. He gave those letters to Russian students, and many of these U.S. and Russian children continue to exchange letters.

"They are looking for freedom and democracy, but they don't know what it is," says Rosser. "Our children are teaching their children."

When he left for Russia, Rosser was escorted by motorcycle to Columbus, Ohio, International Airport. Among color guard units bidding Rosser farewell were the Department of Ohio, Eighth District; Post 637 of Millersport; Post 188 of New Lexington; Post 222 of Crooksville; Post 58 of Somerset and Post 310 of Columbus.

As an Army corporal during the Korean War, Rosser earned the Medal of Honor for repeatedly charging a fortified enemy position alone and then, after being injured, moving other injured GIs to safety. □

LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

In honor of the veterans from Union County, Tenn., the state designated a bridge on State Highway 33 over the Norris Lake as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." Legionnaires of Post 212 of Maynardville, Tenn., were on hand for the dedication last August.

In what may be a Legion first, the top five elected officers in 1992-1993 for Post 6 of Cheyenne, Wyo., are Desert Storm veterans. They are Commander Bryan Grzegorezyk, First Vice Commander Robert Born, and Second Vice Commanders Julie Rust, Gary Swanlund and Kerry Gross.

Here's another possible first. From June to August, Post 29 of Glendale, Ariz., had a member in office at four organizational levels of The American Legion. They were National Vice Commander Ron Murphy, Department Commander Bill Bingham, District 11 Commander Billy Hopkins and Post 29 Commander Bob Hieks.

Eighteen months of planning and fund raising made the dreams of Legionnaires from Post 60 of Laughlin, Nev., come true. The dream: a memorial to America's veterans on the shore of the Colorado River between the Riverside Casino and the bridge joining Bullhead, Ariz., and Laughlin.

Memorial Day 1992 was a family affair for Richard Nielson from Post 253 of Atco, N.J. Flying in from Stanley, Idaho, Nielson's grandsons marched with him in the town's Memorial Day parade. Nielson's wife, Marie, is also the Post's Auxiliary President. □

PNC Alfred P. Chamie Dies

PAST National Commander Alfred P. Chamie, 82, of Malibu, Calif., has died after a long illness.

A WWII Army veteran, Chamie was a 47-year member of Post 283 of Pacific Palisades, Calif. He was the 1970-71 National Commander and also served the Legion as the Director of The American Legion Endowment Fund from 1972-1984; California

National Executive Committeeman from 1958 to 1960; and Department Commander from 1957-1958. Past National Commander William R. Burke represented the Legion at Chamie's funeral in October.

Donations in Chamie's name may be made to the Los Angeles American Legion County Council Rehabilitation Fund, 500 Patriotic Hall, 1816 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015-3499. Chamie, a



ALFRED P. CHAMIE
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widower, is survived by his son, Peter, and daughter, Denise. □



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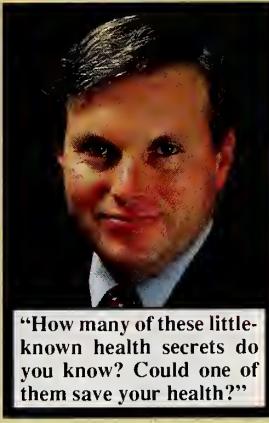
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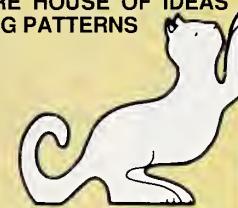
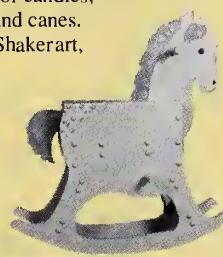
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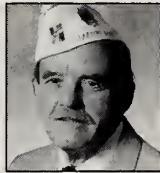
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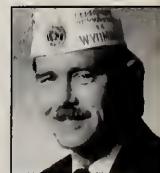
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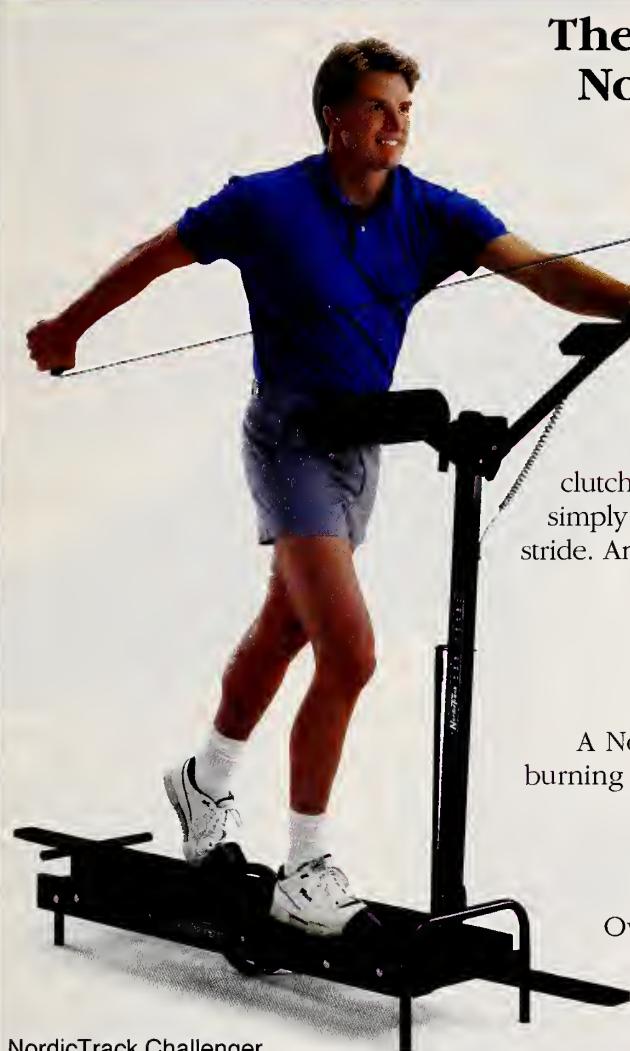
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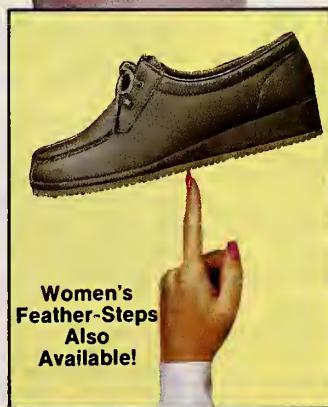


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torted the economy beneath it through attacks on private property, pervasive command planning and an unceasing war against the consumer. Russia may have awoken from this long nightmare, but it is still lying in its old bed.

In Russia today, as under communism, farmland is owned by the state, not private individuals. As under communism, Russia's factories are owned by the state, not by entrepreneurs or investors. As under communism, the Russian government continues to print money in a way that robs its citizens of their wealth. As under communism, Russia's war machine gets first pick of everything the nation produces.

Thus, the central problem with economic aid to the new Russian government is the government itself. Yeltsin's government is widely described as a government of reforms. By comparisons with the government of Mikhail Gorbachev—a man who apparently remains a convinced communist to this very day—the Yeltsin team may indeed qualify as radical reformers.

But if one judges the Yeltsin government against the actions that would be necessary to lead Russia to economic health, its radical reforms look more like vacillating half-measures.

For all its talk, the new Russian government has done almost nothing to privatize the economy, to provide legal protections for property owners, or to encourage investment from abroad. Despite episodic attempts at budgetary discipline, the Yeltsin team has granted hundreds of billions of rubles in subsidies to money-losing, state-owned businesses—including military industries.

The credibility of the Yeltsin government's reforms in the eyes of the private sector is partly indicated by the fate of the ruble under its stewardship. Since the beginning of 1992, the ruble's value, measured against the dollar, has dropped by a factor of more than 10—from 25:1 to 300:1.

No amount of outside aid can stabilize, much less spur development, in an economy dominated by Soviet-style business practices and shaped by populist budgetary policies. Nor can foreign loans and credits buy any government the intention and will to pursue genuine economic reform.

In the hands of an ambivalent regime, in fact, policy-reform aid can

actually postpone reforms by underwriting otherwise inviable practices and putting off the hour of reckoning. This has happened with policy-reform aid programs for many Third World countries, and it might very well be happening in Russia today.

If reforms worthy of the name are what we desire, we have many instruments at our disposal.

We can open our markets to Russian goods and urge our allies to do the same. We can scout promising Russian students and entrepreneurs and train them in our country. We can send instructors to Russia to teach English—the language of world business, scientific research and democratic theory. We can relax immigration restrictions so that ambitious and talented Russians can work in America and send money home.

Unlike economic assistance to a sitting government in Moscow, these policies would benefit the Russian people directly—and would not have to be financed by the American taxpayer.

Russia is in a delicate, perhaps unstable, balance today. Advocates of economic aid for Russia often argue that such funds will make the world safer by easing a transition from communism to democracy. Liberal democracy's virtues are incontestable—but it is a system that may take years to establish firmly on Russian soil.

In the meanwhile, it is Russia's vast arsenal of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons that poses the greatest threat to the world—and perhaps to the Russian people as well. If we are interested in an aid program that would directly reduce dangers emanating from Russia, we could offer to purchase, and destroy, the country's weapons of mass destruction.

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society based on pluralistic principles and concerned more with its people's well-being than with roughing up the neighborhood.

If that kind of future could be produced, it ought to be worth a few bil-

lion Western dollars over the next several years. After all, the last time we had to contain Russian imperialism, in the guise of the Soviet Union, it cost the American taxpayer in the neighborhood of \$3 trillion.

But is there much we could do, even if we were so inclined, to shape the Russian future to our liking?

There are some clear and immediate possibilities. We can—and we are—doing what we can to help Russia and three other former Soviet states gather

their nuclear weapons, get them under firm control, and scrap as many as possible.

We can also help to convert a major part of the great Soviet war machine to peaceful purposes. That's not just a matter of helping to keep the survivors of the military-industrial complex from selling weapons around the world—even to a number of unsavory characters. It also means retraining former Soviet officers to accept civilian control of the military—which we in the West have always considered precious to a free society.

Broader economic development is another matter, even though the record shows that this is a requirement for developing a free society. And let's be clear—there is no argument for rat-hole money. Letting Russia have a full-blown economic relationship with the West won't make sense until it shows that it is moving in the right direction.

But one thing that can help right now is training—training both in the arts of democratic government and in the simple techniques of managing a Western economy, from the mom-and-pop grocery store right up to high finance.

The Russian people are well-educated—with a literacy rate equal to or even higher than our own; it's just that, for 70 years, they've been taught the wrong things. They have a lot to learn, and we have a lot to teach. It could be a natural partnership.

The big Russian needs—as part of comprehensive economic reform—are support for their currency and then investment from abroad.

MacDonald's and Procter & Gamble are two companies that are already looking toward the huge profits to be made a decade hence from a Russian population that is introduced today to Western consumer tastes. Others may be more skittish, until the investment climate looks safer.

But if perfect safety is the only criterion, sometime after the year 2000, U.S. firms will find the Germans, the Japanese and others are in Russia ahead of them, reaping the profits and creating the export jobs at home.

Can this transformation in Russia take place within a reasonable period of time? Nobody can say for sure, just as nobody can say that Western monies put up front in the next few years will either yield a financial profit or keep Russia from plaguing our future as the Soviets did the last four decades.

It's a gamble, sure enough. But considering the alternative—the risk of Cold War II or worse—it's a gamble worth taking.

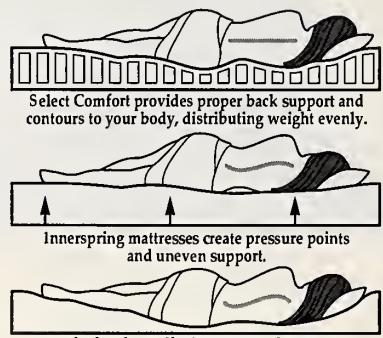
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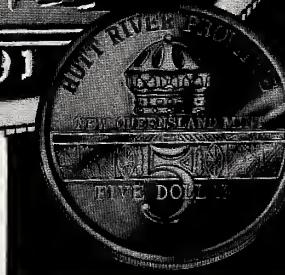
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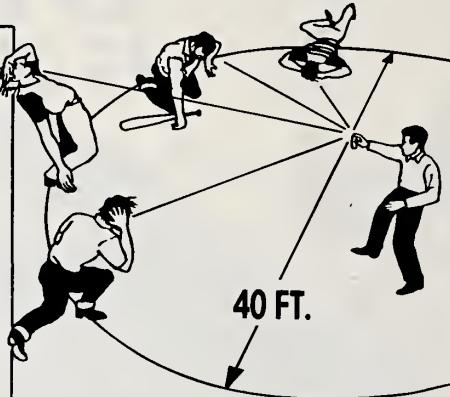
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Even shopkeepers are in a frugal mood. Auto repairman Ed Ristad in Boyes Springs, Calif., handed out printed cost-cutting advice to his customers. "Tune-up doesn't mean what it did 20 years ago; tune-up parts should be fine between 30,000-mile services. If we tuned up every car our customers requested, they'd waste money," he says.

Jonathan Pond, a financial information wizard, sees red every time people waste their money. In his book, *1001 Ways to Cut Your Expenses*, he lists the 25 biggest wastes of your money.

Some of the items he considers "down the drain" are lotteries, buying a new car every few years, anything that's "new and improved," fancy restaurants, courses that teach you to buy real estate for no money down, gold cards, driving to work alone, sunroofs, designer label clothing, boats, low-interest savings accounts and TV shopping.

Pond makes regular appearances on television networks, has a newsletter for people over 50, and claims he has something to offer people because he's not beholden to anyone.

To be sure, there's some danger that all this nouveau cheap could quicken the nation's downward economic spiral. On the brighter side, however, "lite" living has prompted consumer debt to fall steeply month after month—a necessary adjustment for the economy's long-term health, analysts say.

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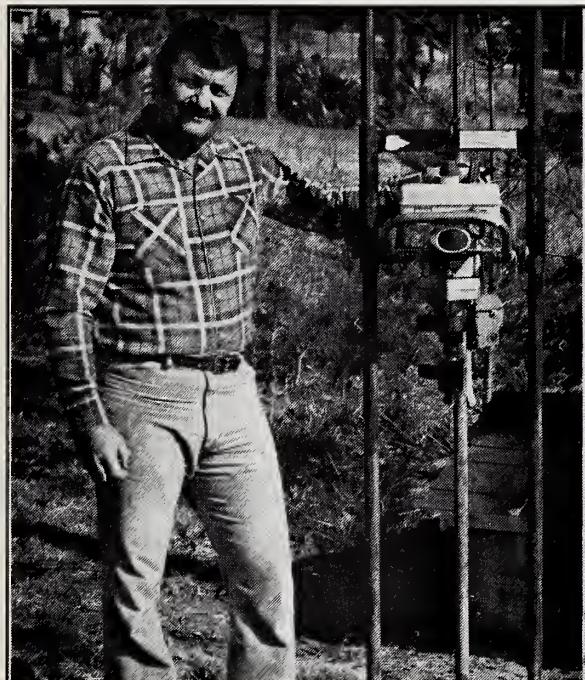
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Q. But you had never drilled a well before?

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Q. Could you drill a well by yourself?

A. Yeah, if my neighbors would let me. Every time I start drilling, they

come drifting over wanting to help. It's more like fun than work and everybody wants to try it.

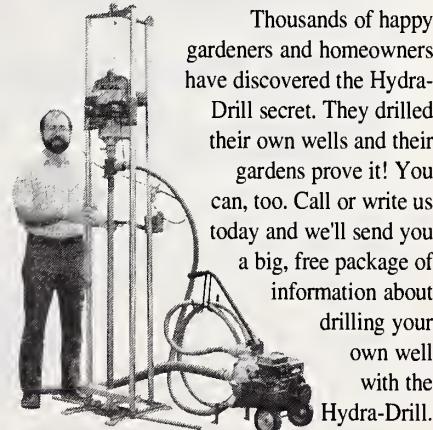
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A. Taking advantage is perhaps not quite the phrase. I think we were not there to draw the boundary beyond which the firms should not go. Fraudulent data was submitted because there was not sufficient incentive not to. People did not think the FDA would, or was willing, to catch them.

Q. And now?

A. There has been a tremendous shakeout in generic drugs. There has been a significant number of criminal indictments, and there have been less-publicized actions to make sure the manufacturing processes are up to quality standards. We have taken a lot of products off the market.

Q. Do you now advise consumers to ask their doctors to prescribe generics?

A. Two years ago, when I was a physician prescribing medicine, I

was concerned. I did not think all generics were created equal. But now, with quality control in place and with restructuring of the industry, I think consumers can have confidence in generic drugs.

Q. How have you improved quality control?

A. Today, we approve generic drugs in a much more thorough, more detailed way than two years ago.

Now, we actually audit applications in the plants to make sure the plants are capable of manufacturing what they say they are manufacturing. We are conducting preapproval inspections. We also do that for brand-name prescription drugs, medical devices and biological products.

We really have tightened up. Before, we relied much more on the honor system. We did not go with the application for this drug in hand and say, show us you can make the drug.

Q. You support the recommendation that FDA should hire outside experts to review applications. But critics say it could lead to conflict of interest and possibly the approval of

unsafe drugs.

A. When dealing with important drugs for Alzheimer's, AIDS and cancer, we cannot afford to turn our backs on proposals that streamline the drug approval process.

After the thalidomide episode [thalidomide was the 1950s pregnancy drug that caused birth deformities], the agency's job was to keep unsafe drugs off the market. That is still very important, but it is equally important to get safe and effective drugs on the market.

I think we need to do it thoughtfully and carefully, and we need to try to see what works. That is what we are doing. The review time for drugs has been coming down over the past several years, especially for those drugs for life-threatening diseases.

Q. You've created an office for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and an advisory committee on OTC drugs, which promises to give OTCs higher priority at FDA. Will more prescription drugs be available OTC?

A. We do not promise to move more drugs from prescription to OTC, but we promise to do those reviews

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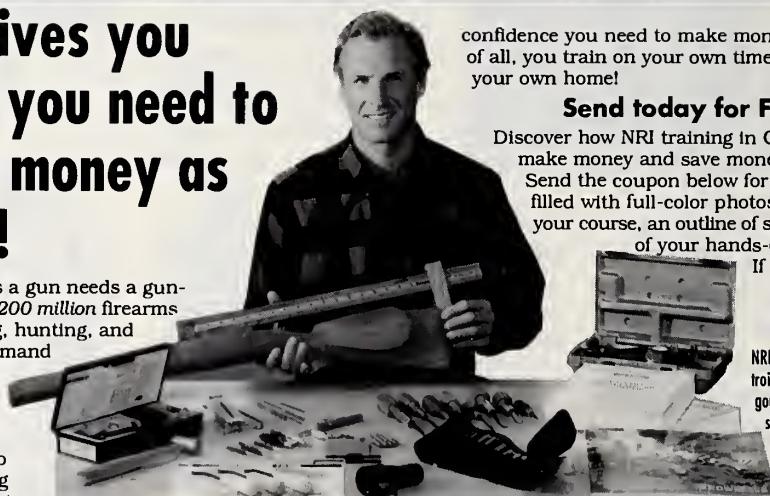
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Halcion is a prescription drug—a sleeping pill for which psychiatric side effects have been reported. I believe

the evidence will show that people who get in trouble with it are those who get a prescription from a doctor and then keep on taking it without medical supervision for long periods of time.

Yet there are downsides to medical supervision. For a lot of reasons, people do not want to go into a doctor's office.

Q. Though rising drug prices are not FDA's responsibility, people are very concerned. Can FDA do anything about prices?

A. Our job really is safety and efficacy. There is something to be said

for us to stay out of the economics. Our real mission is to evaluate the science.

But I am increasingly concerned about the price. As we reduce the amount of time a drug is under review so the company can get the drug to the market sooner, that should translate into cheaper drugs.

Q. Let's move on to food. Of the numerous food labeling proposals the agency is working on, which will be most important?

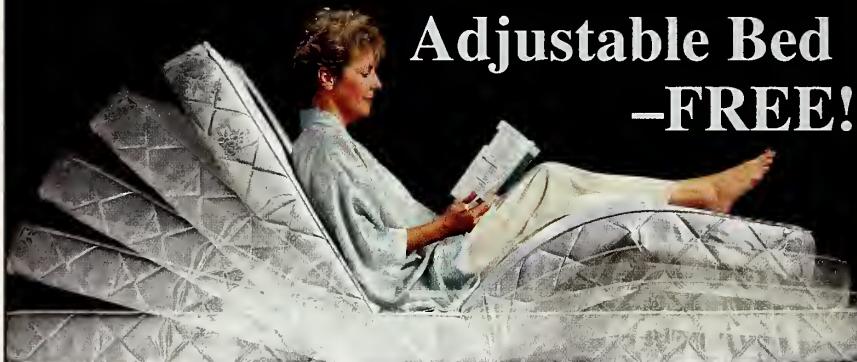
A. The most important concept here is that when you see something called low fat, you have confidence that it is low fat.

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Q. Do you hear from consumers?

A. We actually have received an enormous amount of fan mail. A lot of people out there appreciate the work that is being done. In the regional offices, we have consumer affairs specialists whose job is to listen and answer questions. We want to be responsive. We have to do a better job. I want to know what other areas we should be concerned with. □

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By Joseph Vinet

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the single issue category for publications with \$400,000 or more in advertising sales. The issue was the largest ever published by The American Legion, with 128 pages, 22 articles and more than 100 photos and illustrations.

According to the Audit Bureau of Circulation, THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine is ranked 21st in paid-circulation, surpassing such favorites as *Cosmopolitan*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Field & Stream*. But Legion readers are not limited to just members. Among its nonmember readers are many U.S. senators and congressmen, and top executives throughout local, state and federal governments.

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By Ray Mahon

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tion attempts have been reported, and American businessmen have been the target of bag operations—covert searches of their bags and personal belongings—while visiting Paris.

The South Korean CIA has run numerous bag operations against U.S. and Japanese companies in Tokyo and California. In 1982, the service began "Operation Laughing Bird," a systematic effort to steal technology secrets from competitors by planting moles and buying access to secrets.

Israeli agents in the mid-1980s were caught stealing secrets from defense contractors in Illinois and New York. Israeli Air Force personnel have repeatedly gained access to top secret military research projects by paying off Pentagon employees.

Even trade diplomats are not exempt. According to Michael Smith, former U.S. Ambassador to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) and deputy U.S. trade negotiator, "My hotel in Tokyo was regularly

bugged. U.S. trade negotiators face this problem everywhere when they are negotiating sensitive trade agreements."

But espionage need not be so elaborate. Something as innocuous as a telephone company can and is being used in some countries to eavesdrop on American companies overseas. According to several intelligence officials, Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTT) and the German public telephone company are notorious in their monitoring of American transoceanic corporate communications.

Many Americans find it difficult to believe that friendly and allied countries conduct espionage operations against American targets. After all, we're allies, right?

Most foreign officials view such an attitude as naive. As Pierre Marion, a former director of the French Intelligence Service, says, "I think you have to separate very clearly the areas that are not covered by an alliance. We are military allies, but economic competitors. Therefore industrial espionage, even among friends, is a normal action of an intelligence agency."

And in the post-Cold War era the threat will only grow, Marion believes. "The competition in terms of technology and commerce is stronger now than

during the Cold War. Therefore, there will be more industrial espionage."

What makes Marion's prediction almost a certainty is that industrial espionage is generally a low-risk, high-reward activity. Companies are usually unwilling to discuss instances where they have been targets for fear of embarrassment, or worrying investors.

In the case of defense contractors, admission of a successful theft of technology is tantamount to admitting poor security, which might just lead to the loss of Pentagon contracts.

"Anytime anybody's talked about this, they've gotten badly burned," says former CIA official Herb Meyer. In cases where companies do publicly go after spies and their masters, the costs to the perpetrators is minor, because there are few legal penalties for engaging in economic espionage.

AT THE same time, espionage can provide an opportunity to solve technological riddles, be enormously profitable, and save enormous sums of money.

A candid Count DeMarenches, the former director of the French Intelligence Service, sums it up this way: "Spying in the proper sense is becoming increasingly focused on business and economy, science and industry—and very profitable it is. It enables the Intelligence Services to discover a process used in another country, which might have taken years and possibly millions of francs to invent or perfect."

The damage to the U.S. economy and individual American companies is enormous. One senior official at the White House Office on Science and Technology estimates that "friendly spies" are costing the United States \$100 billion a year in market share, sales, and lost research and development costs.

Business writer Harlow Unger has issued a warning. "The economic future of American electronic firms is now being threatened by the activities of Japanese industrial spies prowling California's Silicon Valley."

When the South Korean national company Iljin secretly got its hands on a complex General Electric (GE) formula for manufacturing artificial diamonds in 1990, it immediately took a large chunk out of the \$500 million per-year industry. "It costs us tens of millions a year—minimum," says one G.E. official.

Economic espionage is also destined to rise because of the willingness of U.S. employees to sell secrets for top dollars. And the money is indeed much

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In addition to Ronald Hoffman's take of \$700,000 for selling Star War secrets to Japanese multinationals, a GE employee was paid \$1 million per year for company secrets passed on to a South Korean national company.

In the past, the U.S. response to "friendly spies" has been impotent. "Not much publicity has been given to this topic by design," admits Ray Wan-nall, a former assistant director of the FBI for intelligence. "Our State Department tended to downplay it. Espionage is always a sticky business. When you mix in that a friendly country is involved, you have what people at State call 'a complex diplomatic situation.' And they like to avoid doing anything about those."

Acknowledging the increasing importance of the nation's economic and technological prowess, the U.S. government is moving to address the problem.

Under FBI chief William Sessions,

the FBI has shifted much of its attention to friendly spies and their industrial espionage activities. The old bureau "Country Criteria List," which targeted specific hostile countries for counterintelligence operations, has been replaced by the "National Security Threat List." The new list promises to track agents from any country—friend or foe—who are involved in industrial espionage.

If the United States is going to curtail the thefts and sales of industrial secrets, more will have to be done. "We simply don't have enough resources for the problem," says Russ Bowen, an MIT-trained scientist with more than 30 years' experience in intelligence, including an 11-year stint at the CIA.

"I know how these counterintelligence things work," Bowen says. "They concentrate resources to crack one case, hoping to make an example of them. The trouble is, the chances of getting caught are so low, it won't be much of a deterrent."

Some intelligence officials, such as former CIA director Stansfield Turner, are adamant about the need for a strong U.S. industrial espionage program of its own. According to Turner, "The pre-eminent threat to U.S. national security now lies in the economic sphere. The United States would have no compunc-

tion about stealing military secrets to help it manufacture better weapons. Why the objection to this?"

Whether such a program could work is extremely doubtful. The United States, after all, has anti-trust laws. If the CIA did manage to collect valuable intelligence in Japan on semiconductors, which American company would the U.S. government share it with? Whoever didn't receive the information would most certainly complain. On the other hand, if the information was shared with every company, it would not remain a secret anymore. But if we can't do it, then how do we stop them from doing it?

THUS far, there has been only limited discussion in the government concerning tighter legal sanctions.

Here is what the nation should do to solve the problem:

- U.S. espionage laws should be extended to include economic and technology secrets. Currently, U.S. anti-spy laws apply only to military or military-related secrets. And Americans who sell secrets to foreign competitors can only be tried for transporting stolen goods across state lines—sometimes a difficult legal standard to prove.

New laws must include stolen technology and proprietary information, and these crimes must be treated as espionage, not mere thefts. France has such a legal code in place.

- Diplomats and bureaucrats should not be the only ones to decide if a foreign nation or company has committed industrial espionage. U.S. courts also should be empowered to make such rulings and spell out legal sanctions against countries receiving stolen technology.

- If any countries or companies are convicted of industrial espionage, or receiving stolen technology, they should face the same sanctions imposed on those who commit military espionage. This includes expulsion of diplomats, heavy fines and trade restrictions.

We have a lot of leverage—from approving billion-dollar loans to signing million-dollar contracts—that could seriously hurt nations and businesses which steal our secrets. More important, we would be sending a message that the United States will not tolerate technology theft.

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centuries. A number of Balkan ethnic groups still seethe at the Turks and the 500-year rule of the Ottoman Empire, which ended with World War I. Hatreds between the Serbs and Albanians date to an incident in 1389. The Medieval Crusades still shape Middle Eastern views toward Europe and the West.

"It's difficult for Americans to relate to this depth of passion because we're a fairly young nation," says Stephen Worchsel, a professor of psychology at Texas A&M University. "Sure, we feel patriotic, or have ties to Irish, African and other heritages. But where ethnic groups have lived for centuries and even thousands of years, there's much stronger feelings for the land itself."

Ethnic groups express and celebrate their differences in what Benjamin Barber, a Rutgers University political science professor, calls a "Jihad," or holy war. Those waging the battles, he writes, "are cultures, not countries; parts, not wholes; sects, not religions; rebellious factions and dissenting minorities at war, not just with globalism but with the traditional nation-state."

In some cases, there develops what Ervin Staub, a professor of psychology

at the University of Massachusetts, calls a "continuum of destruction" that leads to genocide against the out-group. This is what happened to the Jews in Europe during World War II, or the Kurds in Iraq after the Gulf War.

For more than four decades, the United States and the Soviet Union anchored the world's bipolar power structure. Peace in the critical buffer zone of Eastern Europe served both powers. In retrospect, the order enforced by communist authoritarians seems almost like a blessing.

THE borders and power in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are now up for grabs, a sure-fire trigger for ethnic fighting.

For example, bitter territorial disputes between the Armenian minority and the more numerous Azeris in Azerbaijan, a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States, have taken more than 1,500 lives in the past four years.

The same thing is brewing in Czechoslovakia, where the have-not Slovaks display a growing resentment of the haves, the Czechs who control the economy.

Hungary and Romania have long glared at each other over Romania's treatment of the 2 million ethnic Hungarians who live in Transylvania, which was once Hungarian territory.

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CULTURE CLASHES TO COME?

WHILE Yugoslavia, Eastern Europe and the old Soviet states currently gets the most attention, ethnic troubles are on the increase throughout the world. Other areas don't get as much attention, but have the capacity to crack.

As white South Africa dismantles apartheid, it faces problems that go beyond mere black and white. Ever since the Dutch settled there in the 17th century, the Caucasian Afrikaners have developed all the hallmarks of a united, headstrong and determined tribe. Now they are well-armed, too. Meanwhile, South Africa's two major tribes jockey for power in the coming multi-racial state. The African National Congress, with a membership largely comprised of Xhosas, has already clashed violently with the Zulus of the Inkatha Movement.

China also faces ethnic strife. The peoples of Tibet are clearly tired of being ruled by the Han majority, which comprises 92 percent of the nation's population. So are the Uigers in the large northwestern province of Sinjiang. Hunan province has about 40 different ethnic minorities, enough for possible trouble, but too many for any unified separatist movement. Traditionally, China knows how to deal with internal dissent—severely.

Finally, parts of the United States also entertain separatist ideas, but they're usually more amusing than menacing. Of late, the noble Northern and Southern Californian tribes—which might as well be from different planets—have spoken wistfully of splitting the state. It may happen, although it's unlikely that the Second Civil War will erupt on the outskirts of Fresno.—J.S.

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However, the greatest threat stems from groups with loyalties that can be manipulated by charismatic leaders. In a Jihad, writes Barber of Rutgers University, "solidarity is secured through war with outsiders. And solidarity often means obedience to a hierarchy in governance...fanaticism in beliefs."

Deference to leaders and intolerance of outsiders set the stage for the rise of a dictator. This also leads to the specter of hypernationalism, where nation-states comprised mostly of people from a single ethnic group feel threatened by other states or minority scapegoats, and then lash out.

Hypernationalism is tribalism in its full fury. It motivated the Germanic and Japanese tribes in the 1930s. The result was Hitler's grab of lands populated by ethnic Germans, the Holocaust and more. It also drove Japanese expansionism. And it could happen again in Europe, says University of Chicago political scientist Mearsheimer, if the powers on the Continent do not remain

balanced.

The United States probably has neither the interests nor the ability to intervene in most of these situations. We can look on with sadness and despair at the killing in Yugoslavia. While American troops tried to protect the Kurds from Iraqi genocide, the effort was more moral than strategic.

However, since it was ethnic turmoil in the Balkans that sparked World War I, the United Nation's peacekeeping forces in Yugoslavia may help to slow or stop the ethnic war there.

However, it is most critical to the United States to thwart or keep in check a potential hegemon in Europe, says Mearsheimer. At the moment, no European nation seems to have hegemonic designs, so there's a growing sentiment for the United States to withdraw from NATO.

History, however, is all too often forgotten, as is the dark side of ethnic passion.

For example, Germany has tried on a new, reunified nationalist pride, and likes it. But its immigration problems are stirring up a terrorizing, neo-Nazi fringe. And ultra-right wingers are winning a few local elections. In further echoes of the 1930s, Germany also seems to be developing border disputes

with Poland. Such tribal muscle-flexing suggests the initial symptoms of hypernationalism.

So, what can and should the United States do about the tribal revival, particularly in Europe? Among other experts, Mearsheimer argues that the United States must continue its efforts to discourage the proliferation of nuclear weapons to keep them out of the hands of hot-headed countries.

Likewise, the United States, Great Britain and the Continental powers should work together to limit any potential hegemon, an argument for America's continued presence in Europe. Hypernationalism in any European nation, says Mearsheimer, "will be a force for trouble unless curbed."

AS FOR the growing fragmentation of the nation-states, the United States can do little. Probably the best policy for America is to continue to churn out and spread its global culture of democracy and the free market—from free elections to McDonald's—and keep the tribes talking to each other.

We aren't completely hopeless as a species, argues University of Massachusetts professor Staub.

"The way to overcome the barriers and perceptions of threat is through socialization, which means frequent contact," he explains. "Global communications is part of it, but so is international contact that puts everyone on equal footing. Working on projects together goes a long way toward overcoming the urge to devalue and hate another group."

Granted, the world has no shortage of projects. Cleaning the environment, especially in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, will demand global cooperation. Still, the kind of situations found throughout Europe, and wherever political power threatens to change, is a formula for violence.

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proved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Brig. Gen. Ronald Blanck of the Army Surgeon General's Office denied that troops received experimental drugs.

However, Blanck seemed to contradict himself during testimony before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on Sept. 16, 1992. He said one drug given to Gulf troops, the botulinum vaccine, "has not been licensed by FDA because airborne botulinum is very rare and there is no ethical way to conduct the scientific trials needed to prove efficacy."

• **Chemical warfare.** U.N. investigators found proof that Iraq used chemical weapons during the Iran-Iraq war. Many troops, like Bob Encinas, suspect that there may have been chemical or biological contaminants still remaining, or that some of the bunkers bombed or shelled by allied troops may have contained chemical weapons.

• **Nuclear contamination.** While no atomic weapons were used during the Gulf War, allied military units did use depleted uranium (DU) projectiles. VA and DoD are aware of a number of troops wounded by DU "friendly fire," some of whom still carry DU shrapnel fragments in their bodies. Many others were exposed to contaminated sand, dust and smoke particles. The FDA es-

timates that troops riding in vehicles loaded with DU rounds were exposed to radiation at a rate equivalent to receiving one chest X-ray every day.

Dr. Howard Hu, a radiation expert at Harvard Medical School, says that there is no harm in one chest X-ray, but says he would need to know how long the troops rode in the vehicles. "That rate of exposure is significant if it is prolonged," Hu says.

Papers obtained by the London *Independent* newspaper estimate that more than 55,000 DU rounds and missiles were fired by ground troops and allied aircraft, leaving an estimated 40 tons of radioactive rubble.

"While I do not have sufficient information to comment on the current illnesses, I will say that the troops who breathed in contaminated dust in areas where depleted uranium rounds were used may face a risk years down the road," says Hu. Exposure to radiation is linked to leukemia, birth defects and numerous cancers.

• **Multiple chemical sensitivity.** Experts in environmental medicine say that accepted levels of exposure to a single substance become unsafe when there is multiple exposure to toxic substances.

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"The Persian Gulf Registry seems to be headed in the same direction as the Agent Orange Registry set up for Vietnam veterans, says American Legion National Commander Roger A. Munson. "Little was done, until thousands of veterans became sick."

Since Desert Storm troops first told of health problems, the Legion

has urged Gulf war veterans to report them to VA. The Legion believes that these veterans should establish a medical history with VA now, to pave the way for possible benefits in the future.

"If Desert Storm troops can learn anything from veterans of previous wars, it is to ensure that their health problems can be traced back to active duty. Don't wait 20 years or until you're having serious problems before you let VA know about it," says Munson.

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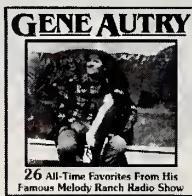


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nants, no matter how small the exposure level. In the Gulf War, he sees the potential for this in the combinations of pesticides used to control sand flies, the contaminants from oil-well smoke and the lead additives in fuel supplies.

"Everybody's resistance level is different," says Johnson. "Some will react and become sick, while others will suffer little or no problem."

• **Leishmaniasis.** Dr. David Oster of Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., says there have been 28 confirmed cases of leishmaniasis, a disease spread by sand flies. He warns that the potential exists for as many as 12,000 troops to be stricken by the disease.

• **Biological warfare.** The bodies of sheep, goats and camels "littered the desert" in some areas, according to Capt. Fournier. His people were told that the animals had died from a disease that decimates Bedouin herds once every five years. Of the dozens of Desert Storm veterans interviewed by THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, almost all remembered seeing carcasses before the fighting even began.

Six veterinary experts contacted by THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine said they never heard of a disease that travels in five-year cycles. So the question remains: Could what killed these animals be linked to the illness?

"The American Legion is particularly concerned with the problems facing National Guard and Reserve troops who are so sick they cannot return to their jobs," says National Commander Roger A. Munson.

"We recommend that DoD seriously consider bringing them back on active duty to give them a complete medical evaluation and appropriate discharge. At least, while they are on active duty, they can draw a salary and have some benefits available to them."

"Let's also hope the military finds some answers in a hurry," Munson says.

For Desert Storm veterans such as Capt. David Fournier the answers cannot come too soon. "I feel as though I've been betrayed," Fournier says. "I've given my life to the Marines and I always thought the Corps looked after its own."

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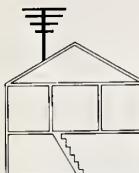
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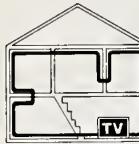
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"Some say rock is just another form of jazz, as Dixieland, swing and bop were. My mind tells me this could be true, my heart tells me it's false."

For Conover, jazz and America are basically about the same thing: freedom.

"Jazz is a liberating kind of music. It helps people stand up straight," he says. "Every emotion—love, anger, joy, sadness—can be communicated with the vitality and spirit that characterize our country at its best—which is, of course, the same freedom that people everywhere should enjoy."

To him, even the structure of jazz says liberty. "Jazz musicians agree on the harmonic progression, the key, the tempo and length," he says, "but within that agreement they are free to improvise, play anything."

"Maybe this has a parallel in democratic systems—like here in America, where we agree about basic principles, but within that framework we are free to say and do anything we want."

Conover has traveled to some 50

countries, and his presence has sometimes triggered tumultuous scenes. When he was in Warsaw in 1959, a crowd of thousands broke into a deafening cheer. "I was stunned! The welcome had been organized by musicians who had come from all over Poland at their own expense to put on a jazz festival and demonstrate what they had learned from my programs."

Musicians in the old Soviet Union similarly credit Conover with inspiring the revival of jazz there. Several years ago, the Leningrad Dixieland band and a mob of fans greeted him on arrival. One Russian musician told him warmly, "Villis! You are my father!"

Conover quickly puts this praise in perspective. "It's not me but the musicians heard on my programs who deserve the credit," he says.

"To me, Louis Armstrong is the heart of jazz, Ellington its soul, and Basie its happy dancing feet. The soloist who moves me more than anyone else is Ben Webster, the tenor saxophone star with Duke for many years. Webster playing a ballad like 'Where Are You?' or 'Chelsea Bridge.' Nothing can touch that."

Conover plays what he believes deserves attention even if it is not his favorite. "I try to reflect the whole range of the music and to educate listeners to good jazz," he says.

Willis Clark Conover Jr. was born in 1920 in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of a career Army officer. At 14, he played a radio announcer in a school play and his career was set. By 18, he was working at a small Maryland radio station.

His family moved constantly, and Conover attended 25 schools. He was always the outsider, and as a teen-ager he found solace in the imaginary world of science-fiction.

Because its sounds are distant and disembodied, radio also evokes an imaginary world. Conover took to it instantly, and he still loves the role of an invisible voice. His serene, hypnotic broadcasting style enhances the music.

In 1942, Conover was drafted and assigned to interview inductees at Fort George C. Meade, Md., near Washington, D.C. He moonlighted weekends, playing jazz for a local radio station.

When the war ended, he stayed in Washington, broadcasting jazz. With its large black population, Washington was a good town to hear jazz, and to see and meet its musicians. Conover got to know many of them and later promoted a number of jazz concerts, including all-star jazz events for Presidents John-

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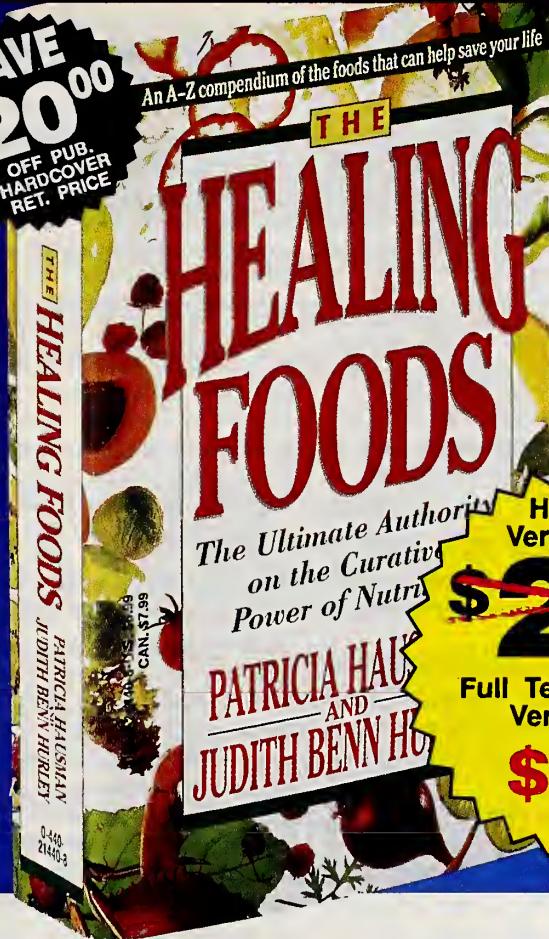
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son, Nixon and Carter.

In 1954, VOA (the radio arm of the U.S. Information Agency that tells "America's story to the world") decided to broaden its musical programs. Conover was a natural for VOA's new jazz show; he had experience and an infectious enthusiasm for the music.

He was hired as a contract employee, and has remained on contract ever since. As a lifelong loner, this arrangement suits him just fine. No one tells him what music to play or not to play.

He continued to host jazz programs for commercial stations in Washington and New York. Indeed, if you took a taxicab in Washington most nights the past 30 years, you probably heard Conover on a local AM radio station. He was a favorite of cab drivers.

But eventually he quit his commercial gigs. "What I was doing at the Voice had more meaning for me."

Conover tapes a week's worth of VOA programs in three long sessions, aided by his Russian-émigré engineer, Efim Drucker, who first heard him as a teen-ager in the former Soviet Union.

In China, he had another fan, a writer and artist named Evelyn Tan. Ten years ago, she wrote and told him how much his programs meant to her. They later met, and soon were married. A journalist and commercial artist, Tan is an assistant editor for *USA Today*.

She also is editing Conover's autobiography. He plans to include quotes from his interviews with almost every major figure in jazz, such as Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and Art Tatum, and stars such as Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Irving Berlin.

The end of communist terror in the former Soviet bloc has permitted people to listen openly to Western music. But for jazz fans there and throughout the world, Conover remains their chief source for the best in American jazz.

He recently licked cancer, though his tall, slender, professorial appearance still is marked by illness. But Conover's rich voice has been spared, as has his enthusiasm for radio and jazz. Conover is among the fortunate few who love their work: VOA is his focus, his life.

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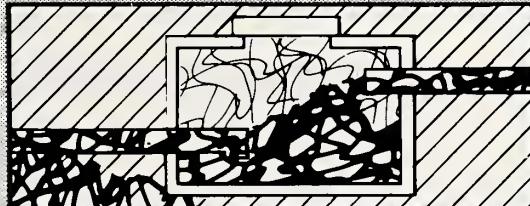
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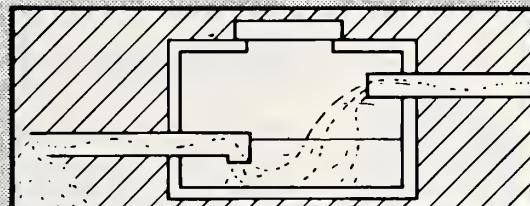
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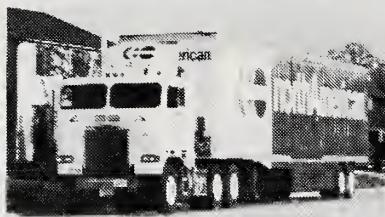
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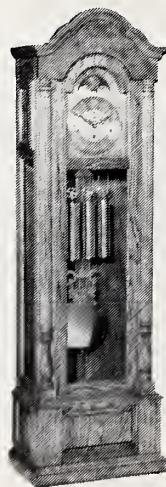


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By helping these incoming veterans become productive South Carolina citizens, Legion Posts will get some new members and these new residents will have an instant support network at their disposal. MAC, with the help of The American Legion, is vital in the face of America's drawdown.

The downsizing of the U.S. military will push millions of veterans into the civilian work force over the next four years. For now, America is wrestling with the monumental task of placing these veterans in good paying jobs that capitalize on their extensive education and training.

Meanwhile, South Carolina is swinging its employment market wide open for veterans who are coming home. Every state can and should do the same. □

like drunken driving, and it's a 300 percent surcharge.

Each company has its own rules—and its own penalties and rewards. Figure you'll pay at least 30 percent less a year for car insurance with a safe record than with a tarnished record.

Drive a safe car. Driving a car your insurance company considers safe can cut the cost of collision and comprehensive by up to 50 percent. Driving a car your insurer regards as risky can add 50 percent to the cost of coverage.

Insurance companies consider how often a car gets into accidents, how costly it is to repair, and how often it is stolen.

Before you buy a car, ask your insurance company how much it will cost to insure. "Insurance companies should be willing to give you quotes on a number of cars, explaining the difference in costs, and why," says USAA's Brakey.

Most insurers have literature ranking cars by crash and theft experience. USAA has a 30-page "Car Guide" listing the insurance experience of every car, foreign and domestic, six different ways.

State Farm has a "policyholder advisory," which rates cars by whether you'll pay higher or lower comprehensive and collision rates than standard.

Big family cars, station wagons and vans typically offer lower rates. Small cars, and most sporty, high-performance models typically mean higher rates.

How much can a safe car save you? Take coverage that might cost \$500 a year for an average car. If that car ranked high on the "safe" list, the actual premium might be \$300. If it ranked low on the "safe" list, the premium might be \$700.

Consider what insurance is likely to cost for five years when you price cars. A bargain car might not be a bargain if it costs 50 percent more a year to insure.

"It may be a smaller, cheaper car, but if the loss experience is bad enough, it can mean more expensive insurance," says Robert Sasser, State Farm's public relations superintendent for auto insurance.

Become your own insurance company. Save money by taking on more of the insurance burden yourself.

Take a 1992 Ford Taurus, operated

in Springfield, Ill., and insured by State Farm. The annual premium on \$50 deductible collision insurance would be \$260. At \$100 deductible, which is more common these days, it would be \$245. At \$250 it would be \$220, and at \$500, \$181.

You'd get savings of the same magnitude on comprehensive coverage for the car. You would pay \$105 a year on \$50 deductible; \$97 with \$100 deductible; and \$63 a year with a \$500 deductible.

"Base your deductibles on what you can realistically afford to pay out of your pocket to cover a potential claim," says the Aetna Life & Casualty spokesman. Hunter of the National Insurance Consumer Organization adds, "I'm a great believer in taking as high a deductible as you can afford."

ON A NEW car, consider \$250 deductible on both collision and comprehensive. Once the car is four or five years old, raise both deductibles to \$500. "When the car gets into the \$2,000 to \$3,000 range, I'd seriously consider dropping collision," says Brakey of USAA. Because insuring a young driver is so costly, Brakey adds, "If you have a young driver, it may be wise to drop collision when the car gets older."

You can get similar savings on homeowner's insurance by picking up more of the risk yourself. "The most common deductible is \$250," says Hurst of State Farm Mutual. "Raising it to \$500 would cut your premium by 10 percent. Raising it to \$1,000 could cut it by 25 percent."

Don't let the discounts get away. Don't pass up any of the discounts that insurance companies offer their better risks.

You might cut your homeowner's premium by 2 percent with a smoke detector in your home, by 2 percent more with a burglar alarm that sounds locally, or by 10 percent with a burglar alarm linked to the police. You'll usually pay less on homeowner's insurance if the house is 10 years old or less.

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You'll have to ask about discounts, because they aren't always plain to see. Different ones may be available from different companies. Since the states set insurance rates, discounts can vary from place to place.

Don't let your insurance fall asleep. Be sure to change your coverage if circumstances change.

Say your house was in the country when you bought it. If so, you paid more on your homeowner's if there wasn't a fire hydrant within 1,000 feet—and still more if there wasn't a firehouse within five miles.

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only a mile away. Going from "unprotected" to "protected" on fire coverage could cut your homeowner's premium by 50 to 60 percent. "Check your policy to see how you're rated on fire coverage," says Brakey. "If there has been a change in your fire protection, tell your insurance company."

You'll pay less on auto insurance if you drive fewer than 7,500 miles a year, and less still at some companies if you drive fewer than 5,000 or 3,500 miles a year.

If you drive less than you used to—because you've moved, changed jobs, or retired—it could cut your auto insurance by 10 percent and more.

Don't try to save by underinsuring. Don't make the expensive mistake of not having the insurance you need. That means knowing what your policies don't cover—and buying supplemental insurance to close the gaps.

NO HOMEOWNER'S policy covers loss from flood or earthquake. If you live in a danger zone, you'll have to buy special coverage. Flood insurance, for instance, is available from private insurers through a government program.

There are limits on what your policy covers. Many homeowners' policies pay only \$1,000 for all jewelry and furs lost in a theft, with a similar \$1,000 limit on all firearms lost in a theft.

For more protection, buy a personal-articles floater policy, with all valuables listed, item by item, and insured to their full value. You'll pay around \$2 a year for each \$100 of coverage.

To prove you own what you claim to, you must have bills of sale or up-to-date appraisals for everything covered by the floater (called that because the first floater policies covered the cargo aboard a ship). Keep all appraisals up-to-date. A pin worth \$1,000, with gold at \$300 an ounce, can be worth \$1,250 should gold climb to \$400 an ounce.

Keep an inventory of all you own to show the insurance company in case of loss. Stroll through the house with pencil and notebook, jotting down everything. Better still, photograph or videotape everything. Back that with bills of sale for everything of more than nominal value.

Keep one copy of that inventory in your bank box. Keep another in a waterproof, fireproof container at home. In case of fire, get the inventory to safety so you can show it to the insurance company when you file your claim. After all, there's no point in doing all you can to hold down the cost of insurance, if you can't collect when you have a claim. □

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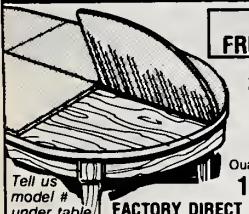


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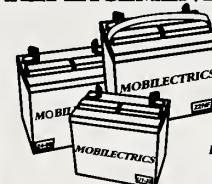
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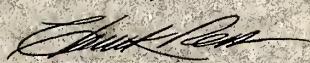
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